

## Student Application for Upstate Institute Consumer Bankruptcy Law Project: Fall 2012

The Consumer Bankruptcy Law Project involves Upstate Institute fellows in the preparation of documentation for consumer bankruptcy cases, under the guidance of The Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. (LASMNY) to provide bankruptcy services to the low-income population of Central New York. LASMNY is a not-for-profit law office that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income people in the 13-county central region of upstate New York. Selected fellows will receive twelve hours of training on issues of consumer debt, bankruptcy law, and ethics, and will complete six hours of outside reading. Under the direct supervision of an attorney in LASMNY's Utica office, they will prepare documentation for bankruptcy cases. In addition, the students will sit in on a client credit counseling session and complete a two-hour, online debtor education course, both of which are required for individuals filing for bankruptcy. Through this project, Fellows will have the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the issues facing low income individuals and contribute to an innovative project that provides a community benefit.

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for the program, as well as sophomores with legal experience. The application deadline is **Thursday September 6, 2012**. Selected participants will attend two hour training sessions on Friday afternoons during September and October. Applications should be submitted electronically to Julie Dudrick at [jdudrick@colgate.edu](mailto:jdudrick@colgate.edu) or printed out and dropped off at **Lathrop 109**.

| General Information       |  |
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| Name                      |  |
| Class Year                |  |
| Major/Minor               |  |
| Email address             |  |
| Mailing address on campus |  |
| Mailing address at home   |  |
| Cell phone number         |  |
| Student ID#               |  |

## **Experience**

Have you had any community-based internships or completed any community research projects while at Colgate? Please describe your experiences.

Have you completed any other community-based projects or other relevant work experience outside of Colgate? Please describe your experiences.

## **Interest & Goals**

Why are you interested in working on the Consumer Bankruptcy Law Project?

What is your particular area of interest in community action and/or public policy? Why are you interested in this area?

If you participate in this project, how do you see this experience assisting or informing your post-graduation plans?

## **References**

Please provide a list of three faculty and/or staff members that might provide information about your academic and extracurricular experience. These individuals do not need to provide a written recommendation.