



The Honors Program in the Office of the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor provides challenging professional opportunities for outstanding law school graduates. Honors Program attorneys move between the ten divisions of the Solicitor's Office, gaining exposure to a broad range of substantive legal work. Upon completion of the two-year program, Honors Program attorneys continue their careers in public service in one of the Solicitor's national or regional offices.

From the first day in the Solicitor's Office, Honors Program attorneys gain practical experience in carrying out the Labor Department's important mission: to promote the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees, improve working conditions, advance opportunities for profitable employment, and ensure work-related benefits and rights. Recent assignments include arguing in federal courts of appeals on employee benefits issues, drafting new worker safety regulations, and filing suits to recover unpaid wages for temporary agricultural workers.



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"As an Honors attorney, I am responsible for my own caseload and have gained a great deal of direct, hands-on experience in litigation very early in my legal career. The added bonus, of course, is that I am getting this experience while advocating for workers."

RECRUITING FOR FALL 2013

The Department currently plans to hire up to ten attorneys to begin the Honors Program in the Fall of 2013. The program is recruiting attorneys to work in the National Solicitor's Office in Washington, D.C. and in several Regional Solicitor Offices.

Applicants must graduate from law school in spring or summer of 2013 or be finishing a judicial clerkship in time to start the Honors Program in September 2013. Selection is highly competitive, and the Hiring Committee will consider candidates based on academic achievement, writing skills, law review and/or moot court experience, clinic or extracurricular activities, as well as demonstrated interest in government service or public interest law.

DIVERSITY POLICY

The Honors Program is most effective when we recruit, hire, promote, and retain highly qualified individuals whose backgrounds reflect our nation's richly diverse workforce.

The Honors Program defines diversity as the unique perspectives candidates bring to the program, including, but not limited to, national origin, language, race, ethnicity, disability, gender and gender identity, age, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, veteran status, family structure, geographical background, education, and professional experience.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please submit: (1) a cover letter describing the applicant's interest in the Honors Program as well as any personal or professional experience the applicant wishes the Hiring Committee to consider; (2) a resume; (3) a writing sample; and (4) an official or unofficial law school transcript.

Applications must be received by October 12, 2012.

Please mail, e-mail, or fax the required materials to:

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"The Honors Program gave me the chance to advance the Department's mission of protecting workers. Among other projects, I litigated a whistleblower case in federal circuit court, recovered unpaid wages for car wash employees in Southern California, and worked on regulations that implemented programs helping workers receive benefits."

Veterans' Preference Eligibility and Attorney Hiring: Attorney appointments within SOL's Honors Program are positions in the excepted service, not the competitive civil service, and there is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to appointments in the excepted service. SOL nonetheless considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. If you have veterans' preference eligibility, please note that information in your cover letter or resume, and include documentation of that eligibility with your submission.

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