

Uniform Law Commission Fellow

Job Description/Duties

The Uniform Law Commission (ULC) seeks a motivated and public-spirited attorney for a one-year appointment to the ULC staff working in the ULC Chicago office as a Uniform Law Commission (ULC) "Fellow." A Fellow may be eligible for re-appointment by the ULC for no more than one additional year.

Founded in 1892, the Uniform Law Commission has worked to improve state laws by drafting uniform state laws on subjects for which uniformity is desirable and practical. The ULC provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived, and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to the critical areas of state statutory law. The ULC comprises commissions from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Now in its 126th year, the ULC is the oldest state governmental association and is the source of more than 300 uniform acts. Acts developed by the ULC include the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Probate Code, and many acts in commercial, family, real property, trusts and estates, and business organization law and other areas. For more information, please go to www.uniformlaws.org.

Selection as a ULC Fellow provides individuals with the opportunity to work closely with distinguished lawyers from across the country and with the experienced ULC staff. In the process, the Fellow will develop a sophisticated understanding of the state legislative process and an in-depth knowledge of significant areas of the law. The Fellow will report to the ULC Executive Director, the Legislative Program Director and Chief Counsel.

The primary responsibility of a ULC Fellow is to undertake major research projects that support the work of the ULC. Examples of possible projects include: investigating legislative and judicial responses to specific uniform acts and recommending whether the act should be amended or revised; providing research on potential ULC projects; undertaking research to support the work of specific ULC committees, particularly study committees and drafting committees; and providing research to support efforts to enact specific ULC uniform or model acts. The Fellow also will have the opportunity to propose specific projects which he or she believes would be valuable to the work of the ULC.

A ULC Fellow must be able to: (1) undertake complex legal research projects effectively and in a timely manner; (2) organize, analyze and communicate complex legal information quickly and effectively; (3) write clearly and concisely; and (4) work independently with minimal supervision. **Required:** a J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school and having applied for admission to practice law in at least one U.S. jurisdiction. **Preferred:** experience in law practice, in government relations work, as an employee within a state legislative or executive department, or as a judicial clerk, or extensive legal research and analysis experience.

Salary in the low to mid-60s. Excellent benefits package. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2018, with a preferred start date of Sept. 1, 2018. The ULC is an equal-opportunity employer.

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, writing sample, and the names and contact information of at least three references to apply@uniformlaws.org, and include “ULC Fellow” in the subject line.

Alternatively, you may mail materials to:

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