



Institute for Multi-Stakeholder Initiative Integrity (MSI Integrity) Law Fellow – Summer 2020

Title: Law Fellow
Location: Berkeley, CA
Start Date: Summer, 2020
Duration: 10 weeks
Application Deadline: January 21, 2020

The Institute for Multi-Stakeholder Initiative Integrity (MSI Integrity) is a nonprofit human rights research organization dedicated to understanding the impact and value of voluntary initiatives that address business and human rights. After nearly a decade of research into multi-stakeholder initiatives, MSI Integrity will, from 2020 onward, embark on a significant new focus: challenging the corporate form. We believe that as long as corporations exclude workers or community interests in their governance and ownership, they risk making decisions that harm people and the environment and exacerbating economic inequality. It is time for the human rights movement to address this head-on by promoting forms of business ownership and governance that center workers and communities, and to challenge ideas of what it means to be an “ethical corporation”.

Through this new stream of work, we hope to promote alternative corporate governance and ownership structures that place rights holders at the center of the solutions that aim to improve their lives and livelihoods. More information about this new direction will be announced in early 2020.

Description

MSI Integrity is seeking a Law Fellow to join our small, passionate team during the **Summer of 2020** as we begin working on challenging the corporate form. The Law Fellow will assist the organization with its work on alternative corporate governance and ownership structures. We hope to find an individual who shares our passion for economic justice and who is interested in pushing boundaries and challenging the status quo as it relates to corporate power and economic inequality.

Responsibilities

The Law Fellowship is **full-time** (36-40 hours per week) and **temporary** (minimum 10 weeks). Although the timing is flexible, the fellow will ideally begin in **June 2020**.

The Law Fellow will be given assignments related to MSI Integrity’s new focus on challenging the corporate form. We are in the process of developing our approach to this work, but we envision that the Law Fellow’s responsibilities will include: conducting legal and empirical research, writing memos and briefs and contributing to the development of internal strategy.

MSI Integrity's fellowship program will be structured to provide an educational environment. Fellows will work in close collaboration with supervising MSI Integrity staff, and will receive feedback on their work product during regular check-in meetings with supervisors. We will support the Law Fellow in developing a writing sample, if desired.

The Law Fellowship is unpaid, but we do not want the lack of funding to prevent interested candidates from applying. Applicants may indicate in their application if they are unable to secure funding from their universities or other sources. This will not impact our consideration of the application. If the selected fellow is unable to receive financial support, MSI Integrity will help the fellow to obtain such support.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

Academic Experience:

In order to be eligible for the MSI Integrity Law Fellowship, applicants must currently be a first or second-year law student.

Applicants should have:

- An academic background in or a demonstrable commitment to a relevant field, such as human rights, environmental justice, or economic justice, particularly as it applies to transnational corporations.
- Excellent research skills. We particularly value experience in working with or in communities that have experienced environmental or human rights violations.
- Excellent organizational and writing skills.

Applicants should be:

- Strategic-thinkers that thrive working both with limited supervision, as well as collaboratively.
- Highly motivated and able to handle multiple projects at once.

To Apply

Please provide your academic transcript, an up-to-date resume, a cover letter outlining your interests and experience, and one short writing sample (around 500 words).

All materials should be sent to peoplesearch@msi-integrity.org with the subject "MSI Integrity Summer Law Fellowship 2020".