

APPLICATION FOR GIBBONS FELLOW FOR 2016-2018

Gibbons P.C. annually sponsors the nationally recognized John J. Gibbons Fellowship in Public Interest & Constitutional Law and the Firm is doing so again for the 2016-2018 time period. Applications are hereby solicited.

The Gibbons Fellowship, originally conceived as a 5-year commitment celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015, litigating the most significant legal issues of our time -- from the death penalty to same-sex marriage, from the rights of detained enemy combatants at Guantánamo and elsewhere (including the right of the public to know about their treatment) to equal funding for education, from the law of domestic violence to the rights of pregnant women.

The Gibbons Fellows, under the direction of Lawrence S. Lustberg, long-time director of the Gibbons Fellowship program, undertake public interest and constitutional law projects and litigation. Requests for representation or advice are considered from all sectors, public and private, including public interest organizations, legal services or public defender offices, government agencies, private non-profit corporations, courts and individuals. Working with a broad cross-section of public interest groups, the Fellowship Program has become widely known in New Jersey and nationally as a voice for the poor and underrepresented.

The Fellowship has been and remains involved in the most significant and controversial issues that confront the Federal and State courts today. For example, in this past year alone, we won significant victories in the New Jersey Supreme Court in a number of significant cases which preserve New Jersey's expansive interpretation of its State constitutional protection against unreasonable searches and seizures and protect pregnant women from being charged with abuse and neglect for participating in methadone maintenance programs in order to combat drug addiction; other cases won broad constructions of the state Civil Rights Act and of our constitutional right to fundamental fairness.

On the federal level, we won, for example, significant victories against the racial profiling of Muslims and for the increased due process rights of immigrants facing detention. We continue to fight for government transparency, including our longstanding work which has been responsible for much of what the public knows about U.S. torture and abuse of detainees abroad, and lawsuits seeking information regarding gun ownership and regarding the treatment of immigrants in Bureau of Prisons custody. We are involved in numerous death penalty cases, including one that succeeded in assuring the rights of those seeking post-conviction relief in Pennsylvania to the assistance of counsel and three individual representations, including the first direct appeal from a capital judgment in the Third Circuit in over a century and another in Alabama. Having succeeded in winning the right to same-sex marriage in New Jersey a year-and-a-half before *Obergefell* was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, we continue to advocate for the LGBTQ community, in cases both in New Jersey and elsewhere. We continue to litigate cases seeking educational equity, particularly with regard to reducing segregation and ensuring racially neutral testing of high school students. And we won a landmark ruling expanding the prohibition against life without parole sentences for juveniles to lengthy *de facto* life without parole sentences, a ruling which we are now defending on appeal.

These are but examples of our recent activities and successes. In order to continue our great tradition, the 2016-2018 Gibbons Fellow should be a person of high academic achievement and professional accomplishment. Preferably, the person selected should have served a judicial clerkship or been actively working in the field of public interest law; only in extraordinary cases will persons who are currently third-

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year law students be considered for the Fellowship. The Gibbons Fellow must have demonstrated a real commitment to public interest work.

Fellowship candidates must complete the following application, along with the following:

1. Law School Transcript;
2. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation;
3. Resume; and
4. Writing Sample.

Applications are due **March 14, 2016**. Interviews will be conducted thereafter and we anticipate that a Fellow will be selected by the middle of **April 2016** and will begin his or her Fellowship in **October 2016**.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS AND MATERIALS TO:

GIBBONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Gibbons P.C.

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Attention: June M. Inderwies, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer

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LAW SCHOOL: (including Date of graduation, rank/GPA, Law Review/Law Journal, Clinical Experience)	
ADVANCED DEGREE: (including school, year, degree, course of study)	
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE: (including school, year, degree, course of study)	
BAR ADMISSIONS:	
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP:	

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Gibbons Fellows are actively involved in selecting the cases for the Fellowship's docket. Understanding that during your Fellowship, you may not actually work on cases presenting the issues you discuss, please identify two public interest or other legal issues that you think are important and, in as much detail as possible, describe how you would go about addressing them through the Fellowship. Please be sure to explain the legal underpinnings of your proposed project, including discussing any procedural problems and presenting the best argument for why you think the Fellowship should take on such a case, both as a practical and as a legal matter, and is the right vehicle for doing so. You may attach additional pages if necessary.