AMA Health Law Fellowship

The AMA is seeking an attorney with two or more years of litigation or policy experience to join the Litigation Center of the American Medical Association as its 2020-2021 Health Law Fellow.

Fellowship expectations and award


The AMA fellow will have the option to receive $20,000 in the form of either:

- A credit applied directly to tuition
- A stipend paid to the student

The AMA fellow will be expected to coordinate work hours via remote technology with AMA staff for 15 to 20 hours per week, for a total of 560 hours. In addition to the fellow’s project, the fellow is expected to attend relevant AMA meetings, and may also help prepare Litigation Center executive committee memoranda and presentations, research and write legal memoranda outlining litigation strategies and review and prepare amicus briefs as well as other legal pleadings.

Eligibility

Candidates must be enrolled full-time in an ABA accredited LLM program in health law and have exceptional academic credentials and health law-related research interests in areas like public health law, domestic health care law and regulatory impacts on health, health and human rights. Successful candidates will have previous litigation or policy experience, and knowledge or experience in aspects of national health law and medical ethics.

AMA fellow project

The AMA Health Law Fellow will design a project to address the issue of underenforcement of laws passed to protect patients, physicians and the public health. The fellow will work with AMA staff to research gaps in compliance or enforcement of enacted state and federal laws with the goal of
designing and implementing an advocacy strategy to reduce noncompliance and underenforcement. The project must further AMA policy.

Possible topics could include:

- Insurer compliance with network adequacy requirements under state law
- Gaps in state and federal firearm laws
- Mental health and substance use disorder parity law enforcement
- Noncompliance of truth in advertising laws
- Insurer and pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) compliance with state prohibitions against prior authorization for medication-assisted treatment
- Federal and state antitrust enforcement and compliance
- Compliance with Medicaid eligibility determination and payment rules

The AMA health law fellow will work as a member of the AMA Litigation Center, which is located within the Office of General Counsel. The fellow will also have the opportunity to build relationships within multiple AMA departments and build coalitions with key stakeholders outside of the AMA.

Submit an application

To apply, please email a writing sample, resume and a cover letter:

LLM Fellowship Committee
Litigation Center
American Medical Association
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All applications must be received by Aug. 1, 2020. Please note that fellowship applicants must apply and be accepted into an LLM in health law degree program at an ABA accredited law school before being considered for the fellowship. The fellowship committee plans to notify applicants of decisions by the mid-August.

Information about local LLM in health law degree programs can be found at:

- Loyola University of Chicago School of Law
- DePaul University College of Law
Contact us

For questions regarding the fellowship, contact Erin Sutton, AMA Associate Counsel, at erin.sutton@ama-assn.org or 312-464-4801.