

Konduros Public Service Fellowships

About the Konduros Public Service Fellowship

The *Konduros Public Service Fellowships* support students at the University of South Carolina School of Law who desire to make public service a career. The summer placements offer an opportunity to gain valuable experiences, build a long-lasting network, and hone many of the skills needed for such a career.

Each summer, the program seeks to place qualified first- and second-year law students with public interest organizations, government entities, or non-profits. Students must be eligible to receive work-study funds.

At the beginning of any placement, students will be asked to work with their supervising attorneys to develop a set of personal and professional goals. Self-directed learning is a central skill for attorneys and one that should be practiced. Setting goals and objectives is also an excellent way to improve and measure progress toward acquiring skills and experiences.

A committee will review all applications, and those selected to be *Konduros Public Interest Fellows* will be matched with a public interest organization or government entity. *Fellows* will be consulted on their final placement.

About Jim Konduros

Funding for the fellowship program is made possible through a 2014 gift from James Samuel “Jim” Konduros through the Konduros Fisherman Fund.

A longtime adviser to government officials and Fortune 500 businesses, Konduros’s \$1.1 million gift to the University of South Carolina School of Law also supports student scholarships and a leadership development program.

Konduros, a 1954 alumnus, credited South Carolina Law for helping him develop the strategic thinking and counseling skills that guided him through a long and rewarding career.

His journey in public service began in the early 1960s as an aide to Senator Olin Johnston and an advocate in the “War on Poverty,” which he continued as a key member of Governor Robert McNair’s staff. He brought together the S.C. Highway Commission and Appalachia Commission to construct the 72-mile Cherokee Trail (S.C. Hwy. 11) through the state’s foothills. He also helped create the Appalachian Community Service Network, an educational cable channel that later became The Learning Channel.

Konduros joined the law firm Gov. McNair founded after his term ended in 1971, where he developed and oversaw a governmental affairs practice. During his 20-year tenure with the McNair Law Firm, Konduros advised Westinghouse in its successful bid to assume operations at the Savannah River Site and helped Palmetto Health CEO Charles Beaman navigate the merger of Baptist Medical Center and Richland Memorial Hospital.

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Applicant Questions

(Please answer on a separate sheet of paper, limiting each response to 750 or fewer words.)

1. Why do you want a career in public interest law, government service, or with a non-profit, and what do you expect to accomplish during this placement that will enable you to prepare for such a career?
2. What in your history, experiences, and skills makes you a good candidate for a *Konduros Public Service Fellowship* and sets you apart from the qualifications that other applicants might have? (As a part of your answer, please describe how you have demonstrated your interest in public service.)
3. Please identify and describe three specific goals and learning objectives that you would like to address during your time with your host organization. Example: I would like to interview a client and follow their case to conclusion.

Criteria

I am:

- A first- or second-year student at the University of South Carolina School of Law
- In good academic standing
- Eligible to receive federal work-study funds (information located in a separate document)
- Available to work for **12 weeks, 29 hours per week** in the upcoming summer

Rules

I understand that:

- This Fellowship cannot be used in conjunction with an externship or internship for credit
- The Fellowship cannot be used for lobbying or political activities

By submitting my application, I certify that I have met the criteria, completed the questions and application, and understand that I am not guaranteed a position.

Signature

Date

*Submit this application and a copy of your CURRENT RESUME by March 1st to
Pamela D. Robinson, South Carolina Law, 1525 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29208,
or email to: Robinspd@law.sc.edu.*