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Re: ENRD's Honors Attorney & Law Clerk Programs

Salutations:

As the career Deputy Assistant Attorney Generals of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), we are writing to provide information about ENRD, and inform you about upcoming opportunities with our organization for highly motivated and competitive law students.

Collectively, we have had the privilege of serving the American people as employees of ENRD for over 60 years. In that time, we have borne witness to the incredible work of the women and men of ENRD who are dedicated to litigating on behalf of the United States. Working at ENRD is one of the best ways to learn how to litigate cases, and to contribute to the protection of our nation's environment and natural resources.

ENRD is responsible for litigating on behalf of the United States all environment and natural resource litigation, principally in five key areas: pollution, lands and natural resources, wildlife, Indian resources, and land acquisition. Attorneys represent many federal agencies by preparing and arguing civil and criminal enforcement cases, appeals, and by defending challenged federal agency actions arising from well over 100 federal environmental laws. Our cases are at the cutting edge of environmental and natural resources practice, and we litigate in federal courts all over the nation. The Division's work protects our environment and resources for future generations.

ENRD is proud to participate in the Attorney General's Honors Program, the largest and most prestigious federal entry-level attorney hiring program of its kind. Selectees represent diverse backgrounds and interests, and come from law schools throughout the country. Last year, ENRD was fortunate to receive applications from students at more than 130 law schools across the nation. DOJ's Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management centrally manages the Honors Program, but we review the applications submitted and make our own hiring decisions. For employment beginning in the fall of 2020, the application period closes on September 8, 2019. More information on the Honors Attorney Program can be found on the attached flyer.

On August 1, 2019, ENRD will also begin accepting applications from outstanding 2Ls and 3Ls for Spring 2019 law clerk positions, as well as 2Ls for Summer 2019 law clerk positions. We are committed to fostering an environment for our volunteer law clerks that is both intellectually rigorous and offers broad opportunities for personal growth. We also want a work force that reflects the incredible diversity of this great country that we serve, and encourage applicants with an interest in complex litigation, environmental law, environmental justice, land use, endangered species, Native American law, appellate law, criminal law, or civil law to apply. An attachment to this letter provides greater detail about the application process for law school students interested in pursuing a rewarding opportunity for civil service with ENRD.

On behalf of the Division, we invite you to share this letter and the attached documents with your career service office, interested professors, affinity groups and promising students. We look forward to having students from your law school apply for opportunities in ENRD's Honors attorney and law clerk programs. And, we also promote public service everywhere, and hope that your students see such service as a valuable career path.

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