Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago  
Law Internship/Externship Program

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) is a not-for-profit hospital based in Chicago, IL that provides physical rehabilitation to patients around the world with stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, cancer, and other conditions. Founded in 1954, RIC has been designated the “#1 Rehabilitation Hospital in America” by U.S. News & World Report every year since 1991. RIC attributes its leading standard of care in part to its innovative research and discovery, particularly in the areas of bionic medicine, robotics, neural regeneration, pain care and better outcomes. RIC operates its Flagship hospital in downtown Chicago and multiple other sites of care located throughout the city and surrounding suburbs that provide additional inpatient care, day rehabilitation and outpatient services. RIC also maintains strategic alliances with leading healthcare providers throughout the state of Illinois and Indiana. For more information, visit www.ric.org and www.ric.org/research/.

Externships for Credit/Volunteer Internships: RIC is seeking motivated, bright and interested volunteers who want experience in a busy and dynamic legal and regulatory environment in the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Corporate Compliance.

Office of General Counsel: Students should have an interest in health care law, patent law, contracts and/or risk management. Students with an interest in health law and patent law are particularly encouraged to apply. Assignments may relate to health law (mental health, consents, advance directives, guardianships, legal aspects of patient care, not for profit issues, Medicare and Medicaid, fraud and abuse, Stark, joint ventures and affiliations, etc.), corporate (contract review, drafting and negotiation), employment and labor, medical staff issues, intellectual property, risk management, bylaws, policy and procedures, real estate estates and gifts, and, various phases of litigation and may include researching and drafting legal memoranda, attending depositions and interacting with staff and outside counsel.

Office of Corporate Compliance: Students should have an interest in health care regulatory issues, such as ensuring compliance with federal and state mandates such as Medicare/Medicaid programs, HIPAA, and IRB requirements, researching and drafting regulatory memoranda, reviewing and revising policies and procedures, conducting audits to determine operational compliance with the laws, creating educational programs for staff regarding regulatory requirements, and identifying and mitigating risks.

Time Commitment: Two days per week (with minimum of four hours per day) preferred. Flexible scheduling can be arranged, but participants must commit to an agreed schedule. Participants also must attend new hire orientation (held every other Monday from 8am-4pm).

Application Process: Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and law transcript to Tom Ferrone, Assistant General Counsel, at tferrone@ric.org. Please submit your application before the following dates: Fall: August 1; Spring: December 1; Summer: April 1. Applications may be considered on rolling basis based on availability.