Summer 2012
Asper Fellowship Program

The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Asper Fellowship Program offers opportunities for law students to obtain credit for supervised law-related work with state and federal judges and with a select number of attorneys employed by governmental and not-for-profit organizations.

Please read this carefully before submitting your application for consideration to the Asper Fellowship Program. It explains the commitments you must make if you are selected to participate in the Program. You must submit your “Application Packet” to Teresa Schmiedeler by April 2, 2012. Your application packet must contain:

- The application form, which you must fill out completely and which is attached here;
- Your resume; and
- Your unofficial law school transcript.

I will review these documents and schedule a meeting with you to discuss possible placements. To be considered for an Asper Fellowship, each student must obtain approval for his or her Asper Fellowship from the Asper Administrator, Teresa Schmiedeler. Students interested in doing an Asper Fellowship must contact Teresa Schmiedeler before receiving permission to register for the class and before submitting the Asper Faculty Approval form. If you are interested in finding an Asper placement, please contact Teresa Schmiedeler, Asper Administrator and Director of Pro Bono & Public Service Initiatives, tschmiedeler@law.umaryland.edu.

A student may undertake only one Asper during law school. Student Aspers earn three credits during one semester on a credit/no credit basis. Student Aspers are required to devote 150 hours during the semester to their Asper placement. Furthermore, in an effort to better integrate the Asper experience with a student’s legal education, students participating in the Asper Program are required to participate in monthly scheduled class sessions, Blackboard assignments, volunteer hours for community service or pro bono, and attend monthly meetings with designated Asper faculty supervisor.
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Application

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Email: ________________________________

Class Year: _____________________________________________________________

Expected date of graduation ___________ Law School GPA _____________

Name of one of your professional references, employer or law school professor:
_____________________________________________________________________

Will you be pursuing an Environmental Law Certificate or Health Law Certificate?
_____________________________________________________________________

Do you plan to take any other field experience course (Clinic, Externship, Practicum) in
the same semester? ____________________________________________________

Students responding “yes” must have approval of Dean Harner.

Please explain briefly your reasons for wanting to participate in the Asper Fellowship
Program and any preferences for placement opportunities:
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Law Student Signature ____________________________________________ Date __________