

**CHINA SUMMER STUDY OF LAW
APPLICATION FOR INTERNSHIP**

Please complete this portion **only** if you are interested in applying for an internship at a Beijing law firm. The fee for an internship is \$150. Please refer to the Information Bulletin for a description of the Internship Program. **Internships must be performed following completion of the two-week course program.**

1. Name: _____

2. Please attach a current copy of your resumé to this application.

3. Proficiency in Mandarin:

1 (very little) 2 3 4 5 (excellent)

a. Speaking

b. Reading

c. Writing

Please include a check for \$150 payable to Duquesne University.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Duquesne University has also arranged for ten students to intern in Chinese law firms. The internships are voluntary and commence at the end of the three-week summer program. The fee for an internship is \$150, and the student receives no compensation. Students receive one (1) ABA-approved credit for successfully completing the two weeks of internship. Internships are awarded on a first-come first-served basis.

Only Chinese Nationals are licensed to practice law in the P.R.C. Thus, all members of the law firms offering internships are Chinese citizens who have passed the National Lawyers Exam. However, because many clients the law firms represent are from the United States, Europe, Japan, Taiwan, and other Pacific Rim nations, many members of the firms have been admitted to Bars of other nations, including the Bars of the U.S. states. The firms with whom we place students have lawyers who have been educated abroad as well as in the P.R.C.

We make an effort to place students in firms that perform the type of work in which the student has a particular interest. Thus, if a student is interested in intellectual property, we will endeavor to place the student with a firm that has expertise in Chinese patent and trademark law. However, we cannot guarantee that every student will be placed in a firm that performs a particular type of legal service. The experiences students have will vary with the firm's needs at the time the internship is performed. In the past, students have participated in meetings with clients; have assisted in drafting documents; have prepared correspondence; and have drafted legal memoranda.

In performing such tasks, the summer interns at times work closely with lawyers from one or more of the approximately 100 foreign law firms that have been authorized to establish offices in the P.R.C. but who are precluded from engaging in the practice of law within the P.R.C. because its members are not Chinese citizens. As of this date, Chinese lawyers are not permitted to associate with foreign law firms.

The summer clinics and internships offer students a unique opportunity to see first-hand how Chinese lawyers navigate the maize of often conflicting regulations promulgated at every level of Chinese government (national, provincial and local), and to see the importance of personal relationships in obtaining the requisite approvals.

The practice of law in the P.R.C. is as much about navigating the maize of often conflicting governmental regulations, and knowing where and how to obtain the required approvals, as it is about substantive rules. Exposure to P.R.C. lawyers skilled in obtaining the required approvals provides students with a unique opportunity to see the distinction between the written law and its application.