FLPC Seeking LLM Research Assistant (Open to HLS Students Only)

The Food Law and Policy Clinic of Harvard Law School (FLPC) provides students with the opportunity to practice using legal and policy tools in order to address the health, environmental, and economic impacts of our food system. FLPC utilizes substantive expertise in food law and policy and a robust policy skill set to assist clients and communities in understanding and improving the laws impacting the food system.

Last year, in partnership with the Global FoodBanking Network (GFN), FLPC launched the “Global Food Donation Policy Atlas” project, a first-of-its kind initiative to promote food donation as a solution to food loss and waste on a global scale. This 2-year project will engage in a comparative law analysis and provide direct technical assistance on food donation laws across 15 countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

For each selected country, FLPC will prepare (1) an individual country legal guide, mapping the laws and policies most relevant to food donation, including food safety, liability, and taxes; (2) recommendations for effecting policy change within these frameworks; and (3) direct technical assistance in 1-2 policy areas. Findings of this research will be encapsulated in an interactive, online map hosted on GFN’s website.

For the fall 2019 semester, FLPC is seeking to hire 1-2 paid LLM student research assistants (RAs) to help support the project, possibly in India, South Africa, Guatemala or other sites. Under the supervision of FLPC staff, the RA may perform the following tasks:

- Provide knowledge to the FLPC of the background legal system and structures in each country
- Research food safety laws and policies including labelling requirements
- Research civil and criminal liability associated with food donations and any protective measures
- Research tax incentives for and barriers to food donation, including VAT, tax deductions, credits, and other policies

This position is part-time and time commitment is negotiable.

**Required Qualifications**
- Strong writing and research skills
- Enrolled as an LLM at Harvard Law School
- Eligible for employment in the United States

**Preferred Qualifications**
- Fluency in Spanish (for Latin American sites)
- Competency in Latin America, South African, or Indian laws and institutions
- Interest in food law and policy

**How to Apply**
Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to mshapiro@law.harvard.edu no later than September 22, 2019. The cover letter should confirm that applicant meets the required qualifications, elaborate on preferred qualifications, and
should estimate the number of hours each week that the applicant is available for the position. Please direct questions to mshapiro@law.harvard.edu.