ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

LAW CLERK

Location: Remote | $15/hr | Experience: Law Student (2L or 3L)

The Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure (Aii) seeks a proactive law clerk to conduct legal research and help in developing a first-of-its kind law and policy database and educational resource on eminent domain.

What you get from us	What we expect from you
- Publication opportunities - Opportunity to create a new one-of-a-kind legal resource for national use - Exposure to the workflow of a research-centered nonprofit - Experience working with public policy material and on collaborative teams - Reference letters, networking, possibility for future work	- Legal research and collaboration with research team - Timely deliverables in the form of written briefs or memos - Intellectually curious mindset and eagerness to gain professional experience

The ideal candidate will be highly organized, research- and task-oriented, and enjoy working in a collaborative space, even if that is virtual collaboration. We are looking for someone who is intellectually curious, able to manage multiple projects, and meet deadlines. The position is stipend supported and provides an opportunity for publication, networking, and experience in a national think tank. This position is flexible, part time, and provides the opportunity to work remotely if needed. The duration of the clerkship will be project-dependent, up to one year.

Eligibility
- Current 2L or 3L at an ABA accredited law school in the United States
- Interest in Eminent Domain, having taken at least one property law course
- Strong writing, editing, and legal research skills with interest in public policy and law
- Ability to work with a team, including remote collaboration
- Ability to meet deadlines and organize research findings for presentation

To Apply
Ready to put your legal research skills to the test? Just send a PDF copy of your resume and a cover letter highlighting your experiences and why you should be considered for this clerkship to Aii's Executive Director, Benjamin Dierker at bdierker@aii.org.

About Aii

The Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure (Aii) is an independent, national research and educational organization dedicated to identifying our nation's infrastructure needs, creating awareness of those needs, and finding solutions to critical public policy challenges. Aii strives to promote proven, innovative technology and higher safety standards in a non-partisan manner to achieve excellence nationwide.

The Alliance is a think tank consisting of two non-profits: the National Infrastructure Safety Foundation (NISF), a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization, and the Public Institute for Facility Safety (PIFS), a 501(c)(3) educational organization. Both non-profits are legally governed by volunteer boards of directors. These work in conjunction with the Alliance's own volunteer Advisory Council.

About Eminent Domain at Aii

See more project details below.

Problem:

- Eminent Domain is complicated and controversial, and many states has a unique approach.
- The information asymmetry between landowners and developers leads to higher project costs and greater tension, slowing needed infrastructure build outs.
- There is a lack of data transparency and analysis on how the process works and its impact on infrastructure.
    - Current analysis is mostly episodic (a professor writing a single article) or scattershot in coverage (practitioner writes law review analyzing particular state).
    - What's missing is the big picture that also informs local interests about how others do it.
- There is no neutral clearinghouse resource for eminent domain law and policy.
- No one is facilitating objective data sharing and comparison of approaches.
- There is growing relevance for eminent domain in future infrastructure projects, which includes a doubling of grid capacity through wind and solar projects, high-voltage transmission lines, and more, as well as new hydrogen and carbon dioxide pipelines in additional to traditional infrastructure

Solution:

- More complete data and a fuller analysis of all costs will point to better policy solutions to serve all stakeholders.
- Aii will provide a neutral platform laying out information, not characterizing it or taking a position.
- Aii hosts a platform intended for problem solvers to come together.
    - State legislators, judges, landowners, developers, etc.
- The resource will include a survey of state laws and analysis of each states' approaches to facilitate comparison between states and better understanding of the process in any individual state.
- The platform is constantly updated. This is not a snapshot in time or survey of current law, but an up-to-date database going forward.
- Includes a background page for individual state analysis articles, so people can access more particular analyses from the main big-picture database.

Product:

- Dedicated "Issues" page on the site with background information (Aii.org/Eminent-Domain).
- Interactive and robust Eminent Domain Solution Center platform that includes:
    - Interactive map of U.S. to see summary of individual state law, regulation, practice
    - Overview and analysis of elements/approaches broken down.
    - Latest version of state eminent domain laws
    - Historical and insightful analysis of trends, uses, and development in eminent domain
- The resource will be neutral, pro-innovation, pro-collaboration, and pro-problem-solving.
- As an independent, nonpartisan pro-innovation, pro-infrastructure think tank, Aii is well positioned to host a resource where policy, infrastructure, and problem-solving intersect.
- Comprehensive, up-to-date resource for policymakers, legislators, academics, the media, and interested public to access in real-time for any and all legal or policy developments in eminent domain as well as insightful background information and educational resources

Project Advisors

Andrew Morriss, PhD, JD, Jim Bradbury, JD, Aii Board & Advisory Council, Others as we expand