



April 2020

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
FALL 2020 FOOD PROJECT LAW CLERK  
OAKLAND, CA**

**Public Justice**, a non-profit legal advocacy organization that pursues high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth’s sustainability, and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses, seeks to hire a law student for an intern/extern position (“Law Clerk”) in our Food Project for the Fall Semester 2020. The Food Project at Public Justice combines litigation with education and advocacy to reform the harmful practices employed by industrial animal agriculture and support a more sustainable and humane food production system. The position is based in our Oakland, California office: 475 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 610, Oakland, CA 94612. The law clerk will work with attorneys in both the Oakland and Washington, D.C. offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

**Note: Due to uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, our physical offices may not be 100% open by the Fall Semester 2020 and, as a result, a remote work arrangement might be necessary.**

The Food Project at Public Justice takes a multifaceted approach to build power and achieve a just, humane, sustainable, and regenerative animal agriculture system. In our lawsuits, we represent farmers, rural communities, consumers, and workers who share our vision. In our advocacy, we spread awareness of the systemic inequities that have allowed this corporate takeover of our food system and show policymakers and the public how they can support a return to farming focused on sustaining communities rather than extracting profit.

The Law Clerk will research and develop new cases in conjunction with our Food Project attorneys, law fellows, and cooperating counsel. They will also provide assistance to our Food Project attorneys in ongoing litigation. For example, our law clerks write briefs and memoranda, research legal issues and develop factual background, and collaborate on our efforts to change the dominant pro-corporate narrative and build power for the communities and individuals impacted by industrial animal agriculture.

This position is open to those who can secure outside funding and/or academic credit. We will help students secure credit and/or funding from their schools.

**Qualifications:**

- Completed first year of law school by Fall 2020.
- Excellent analytical, legal research, and writing skills.
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills.
- Self-motivation and proven ability to work as part of a team.
- Strong work ethic, initiative, and sound, yet creative judgment.
- Sensitivity to the needs and concerns of and the ability to work with individuals and groups from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and orientations.



- A strong desire to build a movement to achieve a more just food system.
- Contributes to the creation of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work culture that encourages collaboration.

**To Apply:** Interested candidates should submit a:

- Cover letter that conveys why you are drawn to Public Justice’s mission and what makes you a good fit for the Food Project.
- Resume.
- Law school transcript (unofficial or “grade sheet” accepted).
- Contact information for two to three references.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum that is either unedited or only lightly edited by someone other than you. Please include a cover sheet explaining the extent of editing by someone else.

Your application should consist of two electronic files: (1) your cover letter, resume, transcript, and references in a single .pdf file; and (2) a writing sample in another .pdf file. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Please submit both files to Food Project Associate Attorney Kellan Smith at [ksmith@publicjustice.net](mailto:ksmith@publicjustice.net). For more information, please visit our website at <https://food.publicjustice.net/>.

*Public Justice is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse and progressive workplace. Women, people of color, LGBTQ applicants, people with disabilities and veterans are all strongly encouraged to apply.*