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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

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ONE-YEAR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RECENT LAW GRADUATES TO WORK ON FOOD PROJECT LITIGATION HOLDING INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTABLE WASHINGTON, D.C. or OAKLAND, CA

Public Justice is a nonprofit organization dedicated to pursuing high impact lawsuits nationwide to preserve the integrity of our society and the planet we call home. It seeks to host a recent law graduate for a one-year fellowship beginning in Fall 2020. This position is open to those who can secure outside funding. We will help students secure funding from their school.

Public Justice's Food Project works to address the fact that our current industrialized factory farm system allows a few corporate actors to exercise extraordinary legal, legislative, electoral, communications, and market power, to the detriment of independent farmers, animals, the land, water, consumers, and the public. Our vision is part of the good food movement's vision for a food and animal agriculture system that is just, sustainable and accountable. To attain our vision, Public Justice's Food Project uses cutting-edge litigation that is coordinated with the larger good food movement to redress the structural and institutional inequities on which the current system relies. Our work falls under the following tactical umbrellas: (1) forcing the industrialized factory farm model to internalize impacts on farmed animals, neighboring communities, food chain workers, and the environment; (2) challenging misleading narratives, including consumer product information, and industry-sponsored laws that block transparency or seek to disguise the true nature of industrial production; (3) combating corporate consolidation and dominance of markets on behalf of independent producers; and (4) aligning ourselves with independent farmers and rural communities against an administration that purports to speak for these constituencies, but instead perpetuates corporate power.

The fellow would work with Food Project attorneys and other Public Justice staff attorneys to develop and implement new legal strategies in one or more of these areas, expanding the Project's tactics and docket. For example, we would be interested in speaking with candidates about ways to use environmental litigation to protect agricultural workers and their families, develop and implement a campaign to challenge laws that limit factory farms' liability, or expand our efforts to obtain and publicize records that document the harms caused by industrial agriculture. Public Justice's Food Project Attorneys will enthusiastically collaborate with candidates on their fellowship proposals. The fellow could work in either Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C. or its Oakland, California office, though all of Public Justice's staff is now working remotely due to the pandemic.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Superb analytical, legal research, legal writing, and speaking skills
- Ability to juggle multiple tasks at a time and work in a fast-paced environment
- Self-motivation and proven ability to work independently
- Ability to work well with others and diverse groups
- Excellent attention to detail and commitment to follow-through
- Positive attitude and can-do personality
- Strong organizational skills
- Willingness to travel for several weeks per year to visit and work with impacted communities
- Healthy sense of outrage and desire to change the world for the better

We offer a mission-focused work environment and a teamwork approach. Salary will depend in part on the third-party grant or stipend that funds the Fellow, but will be no less than \$53,000 unless the third party funding demands otherwise. We also provide excellent benefits, including two weeks of paid vacation, two weeks of sick leave, two personal days each year, all federal holidays, employer-paid health, dental, and vision insurance premiums, and a 401(k) plan.

Public Justice is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse workplace. We strongly encourage applications from people with disabilities; people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; LGBTQ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages. Public Justice is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If you are a qualified individual with a disability and need assistance applying online, please email lawfellow@publicjustice.net. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request an accommodation for the interview process.

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, comprised of a legal brief for which you were the primary author (please note the contributions of others). In your cover letter, please summarize your proposed contribution to Public Justice's Food Project, provide any potential source(s) of fellowship funding, and specify whether you are applying to work in the Washington, D.C. office or the Oakland office.

Please send your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net no later than **July 1, 2020**. Reference "Food Project Fellowship" in the subject line.

For more information on Public Justice, please visit our website at www.publicjustice.net. For more information about the Food Project, please visit www.food.publicjustice.net.