



# PUBLIC JUSTICE

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### **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Please post and inform potential applicants.**

**September 2020**

#### **SPRING 2021 LAW CLERK EXTERNS**

**with focus on**

**General Litigation or Food Project**

**WASHINGTON, DC, or OAKLAND, CA**

**Public Justice** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to pursuing high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth's sustainability, and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses. It seeks to hire three Law Clerk Externs for Spring 2021. Two General Litigation Law Clerks will work in all Public Justice practice areas, with one based in our Washington, DC, headquarters and one based in our Oakland, CA, office. One Law Clerk will focus on our Food Project practice area and may be based in either office. All three law clerks will work with attorneys based in both offices and elsewhere around the country. In light of the current pandemic, these positions may be remote.

- Our **general litigation** practice specializes in high-impact, cutting-edge litigation fighting for consumers' and victims' rights; the environment; civil rights and civil liberties; workers' rights; government and corporate accountability; and the protection of the poor and powerless. General Litigation Law Clerks may have opportunities to work with, for example, our Access to Justice Campaign, which works to keep the courthouse doors open for all—by battling federal preemption, unnecessary court secrecy, class action barriers and abuses, unfair mandatory arbitration, and other efforts to deprive people of their day in court; our Student Civil Rights Project, which uses litigation and advocacy to combat harassment and other forms of discrimination so that all students can learn and thrive in school; or our Debtors' Prison Project, which combats the criminalization of poverty through strategic class action litigation on behalf of criminal defendants whose constitutional and other legal rights have been violated.
- Our **Food Project** 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. 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.

Public Justice's law clerks research and develop new cases in conjunction with our staff attorneys, law fellows, and cooperating counsel. They also provide assistance to attorneys in ongoing litigation. Our law clerks are involved in legal research and writing, case review, and brainstorming on theories and approaches designed to ensure that justice is achieved.

This position is open to law students who can secure academic credit for their work with Public Justice. We will help students secure academic credit from their schools.

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.

Please submit your application to Leah Nicholls at [LNicholls@publicjustice.net](mailto:LNicholls@publicjustice.net) no later than **October 20, 2020**. Late applications may be considered if hiring has not yet been completed. Please Reference "General Litigation" or "Food Project" in the subject line of your email to indicate the law clerk position for which you are applying, and specify in your email and cover letter whether you are applying to work in the Washington, DC, or Oakland office. Applications should consist of a cover letter discussing your interest in Public Justice, resume, writing sample, transcript, and contact information for two references.

For more information on Public Justice, please visit our website at [www.publicjustice.net](http://www.publicjustice.net).