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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

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TWO-YEAR FELLOWSHIP FOR LAW GRADUATES TO USE MOVEMENT LITIGATION TO REFORM INDUSTRIAL ANIMAL AGRIBUSINESS AND FIGHT FOR A JUST FOOD SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C. (preferred) or OAKLAND, C.A.

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 hire a law school graduate to serve as a full-time Food Project Fellow for two years in its Washington, D.C. headquarters. (Applicants seeking to work in its Oakland, California office will be considered but will not be preferred.) The position will start in the **fall of 2021**.

The Public Justice Food Project is the only legal project in the country that is focused solely on dismantling the structures that enable the consolidation of corporate power and extractive practices in our food system and supporting a vision of animal agriculture that is regenerative, humane, and owned by independent farmers and workers.

We believe we cannot make change alone, and that we must align ourselves with allies across movement sectors and combine litigation with base building and communications to create lasting change. From protecting our land, water, and animals, to standing up for the rights of workers and food producers, reforming industrial animal agriculture moves us all closer to the world we want to see.

Our work focuses on (1) disrupting corporate consolidation of power; (2) supporting a just transition to agricultural practices that regenerate our planet; (3) fighting for racial and economic justice; (4) forcing the corporate animal agribusiness to internalize impacts on farmed animals, neighboring communities, food chain workers, and the environment; and (5) challenging misleading narratives, including consumer product information, and industry-sponsored laws that block transparency or seek to disguise the true nature of industrial production.

The fellow would work with Food Project attorneys and other staff attorneys to develop and implement ongoing and 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 stop the unjust flow of public dollars to enrich huge corporations. A strong preference is for the fellow to work in Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Under certain circumstances, we will consider offering the fellowship in our Oakland office.

REQUIREMENTS:

- J.D.
- 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
- 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 community that encourages collaboration
- Healthy sense of outrage and desire to change the world for the better

We offer a mission-focused work environment, a teamwork and community-oriented approach, as well as a generous benefits package, including two weeks of paid vacation, two weeks of sick leave, and two personal days each year, all federal holidays, employer-paid health, dental and vision insurance premiums, and a 401(k) plan. The annual salary for this position is \$55,150.

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.

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 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 **December 1, 2020**.

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.