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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

SUMMER 2022 LAW CLERKS

with focus on

General Litigation, Food Project, or Students' Civil Rights Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. or OAKLAND, CA

Public Justice is a nonprofit legal advocacy 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 four law clerks for Summer 2022. Two law clerks will work in all Public Justice practice areas (general litigation), one will focus on our Food Project, and one will focus on our Students' Civil Rights Project.

- Two **general litigation** law clerks will have the opportunity to work on variety of substantive areas encompassed by our projects, including the Access to Justice Project, which works to dismantle the procedural and structural barriers that corporations try to place between ordinary people and the civil justice system; the Debtors' Prison Project, which combats the criminalization of poverty where indigent defendants are jailed and imprisoned for inability to pay fines and fees; the Students' Civil Rights Project, described below; and the Food Project, described below.
- Our **Food Project**, which seeks to hire one law clerk, 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.
- Our **Students' Civil Rights Project**, which seeks to hire one law clerk, uses litigation and advocacy to combat harassment and other forms of discrimination so that all students can learn and thrive in school. We bring high-stakes lawsuits and appeals on behalf of students who are denied educational opportunities based on their sex, sexuality, race, or other protected characteristics, and we collaborate with student-led movements.

The law clerks will be based in either Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C., or its Oakland, California office. Though we anticipate at this time that Summer 2022 law clerks will work in-person, factors such as pandemic conditions and vaccination status will impact whether law clerks work in-person or remotely. All law clerks will assist attorneys in both of Public Justice's offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

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.

Students with a source of outside funding/stipends are strongly preferred, and we will help students secure that funding. Where necessary, Public Justice will provide supplemental funding equivalent to the minimum wage.

Public Justice is committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work community that reflects the communities we serve and work in. Our legal and programmatic advocacy work impacts, builds bridges to, and operates within a diverse array of coalitions, including the Black, Latinx, LGBTQ, Asian, and immigrant communities. We want to recruit, support, and retain talented team members from within these and other communities as we expand our own work on behalf of racial justice, LGBTQ equality, and access to opportunity for all. We encourage applications from people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; people with disabilities; LGBTQ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages.

Applicants must have completed their second year of law school by Summer 2022. ***We do not accept applications from first-year students.***

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net no later than **September 13, 2021**. Reference "General Litigation," "Food Project," or "Students' Civil Rights Project" in your subject line to indicate the law clerk position for which you are applying, and specify in your cover letter whether you are applying to work in the Washington, D.C., office or the Oakland office. You must submit multiple applications in order to apply for more than one position. Applications should consist of two electronic files: (1) your cover letter, resume, transcript, and contact information for two references in a single .pdf file; and (2) a writing sample in another .pdf file. **In addition, Public Justice considers applications via the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and certain law schools' OCI programs;** applicants participating in those programs should follow those applicable deadlines and submission procedures and need not also submit an application to the "lawfellow" email address.

For more information on Public Justice, please visit our website at www.publicjustice.net.