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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

SPRING 2022 LEGAL EXTERNS

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 up to four legal externs for the Spring 2022 semester. Two externs 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** externs 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 extern, 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 extern, 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.

Externs 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 Spring 2022 externs will work in-person, pandemic conditions will impact whether externs work in-person or remotely. Public Justice requires those working in its offices to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Externs will assist attorneys in both of Public Justice's offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

Public Justice's externs 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 externs are involved in legal research and writing, case review, and brainstorming on theories and approaches designed to ensure that justice is achieved.

These positions are open to those who can secure academic credit for their work with Public Justice. We will help students secure academic credit from their schools. Applicants must be second- or third-year law students, and 3Ls are preferred. ***We do not accept applications from first-year or undergraduate students.***

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.

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net. Reference "General Litigation," "Food Project," or "Students' Civil Rights Project" in your subject line to indicate the extern 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 will be reviewed beginning **October 1, 2021**, on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

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 vni@publicjustice.net. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request an accommodation for the interview process.

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