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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

FALL 2022 LEGAL EXTERNS

with focus on

**General Litigation, Food Project, or Students Civil Rights Project
WASHINGTON, D.C. or OAKLAND, CA or Remote**

Public Justice is a nonprofit legal advocacy organization that takes on the biggest systemic threats to justice of our time – abusive corporate power and predatory practices, the assault on civil rights and liberties, and the destruction of the earth’s sustainability. We connect high-impact litigation with strategic communications and the strength of our partnerships to fight these abusive and discriminatory systems and win social and economic justice.

We seek to hire up to four legal externs for the Fall 2022 semester. 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.

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.***

- 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.

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. Externs will assist attorneys in both of Public Justice's offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country. Our externs are involved in legal research and writing, case review, and brainstorming on theories and approaches designed to ensure that justice is achieved.

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net. Reference "General Litigation," "Food Project," or "Student 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 June 15, 2022, on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

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 require reasonable accommodations during any part of the hiring process, please email lhughes@publicjustice.net.

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