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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Please post and inform potential applicants.**

**September 2022**

### **TWO-YEAR FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RECENT LAW GRADUATES TO WORK ON FOOD PROJECT LITIGATION HOLDING INDUSTRIAL AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTABLE WASHINGTON, D.C., OAKLAND, CA, or REMOTE**

**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 host recent law graduates for a two-year fellowship beginning in Fall 2023. Candidates able to assist with supporting the fellowship by obtaining third-party funding, for example, from their law school, are encouraged to do so.

Public Justice's Food Project works to address the fact that our current industrialized factory farm system allows a few corporate actors to exercise extraordinary legal, legislative, electoral, communications, and market power to the detriment of independent farmers, animals, the land, water, consumers, and the public. Our vision is part of the good food movement's vision for a food and animal agriculture system that is just, sustainable, and accountable. To attain our vision, Public Justice's Food Project uses cutting-edge litigation that is coordinated with the larger good food movement to redress the structural and institutional inequities on which the current system relies. Our work falls under the following tactical umbrellas: (1) forcing the industrialized factory farm model to internalize impacts on farmed animals, neighboring communities, food chain workers, and the environment; (2) challenging misleading narratives, including consumer product information, and industry-sponsored laws that block transparency or seek to disguise the true nature of industrial production; (3) combating corporate consolidation and dominance of markets on behalf of independent producers; and (4) aligning ourselves with independent farmers, food chain workers and rural communities against an administration that purports to speak for these constituencies, but instead perpetuates corporate power.

The fellow would work with Food Project attorneys and other staff attorneys to develop and implement 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 expand our efforts to obtain and publicize records that document the harms caused by industrial agriculture. Public Justice's Food Project Attorneys will enthusiastically collaborate with candidates on their fellowship proposals. The fellow could work in either Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C., its Oakland, California office, or remotely.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- J.D. degree (by Fall 2023)
- 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
- Healthy sense of outrage and desire to change the world for the better

We offer a mission-focused work environment and a teamwork approach. We also offer a generous benefits package, including a four-day workweek, three 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 will be \$70,000.

**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 are a qualified individual with a disability and need assistance applying online, please email [lhughes@publicjustice.net](mailto:lhughes@publicjustice.net). If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request an accommodation for the interview process.**

Your application should consist of two electronic files: (1) your cover letter, resume, law school 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, provide any potential source(s) of fellowship funding, and specify whether you are applying to work in the Washington, D.C. or Oakland office or remotely. Candidates applying to work in D.C. are preferred.

Please send your application to [lawfellow@publicjustice.net](mailto:lawfellow@publicjustice.net). Reference "2023 FOOD Fellowship" in the subject line. The application deadline is **October 20, 2022**, at which point applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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