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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

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TWO-YEAR LEGAL FELLOWSHIP STARTING FALL 2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. (preferred), 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 the destruction of the earth’s sustainability. It connects 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 a two-year Fellow starting in Fall 2023 who will work with our attorneys on high-impact, cutting-edge litigation and advocacy across a variety of substantive areas. Our preference is for this position to be based in our Washington D.C. office.

The Fellowship

This is a two-year Fellowship in which the Fellow 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, which uses litigation and advocacy to combat harassment and other forms of discrimination so that all students can learn and thrive in school; the Food Project, which addresses the structural and institutional inequities on which our current food system is built; and the Environmental Enforcement Project, which holds corporate polluters accountable through impactful lawsuits.

The Fellow would work closely with Public Justice’s attorneys who have extensive experience litigating and advocating in their areas of expertise, a network of lawyers who collaborate on Public Justice’s work, other public interest groups, and our communications staff. In addition, the Fellow would be responsible for responding to intake and providing assistance with organization-wide projects as requested. This is an exempt position and will report to a Senior Attorney.

Qualifications

- J.D. degree (by Fall 2023).
- Excellent analytical, legal research, legal writing, and speaking skills.
- Litigation experience (e.g., from internships, clinics, or clerkships).
- Ability to juggle multiple tasks at a time and work in a fast-paced environment.
- Self-motivation and proven ability to work independently and as part of a team.

- Sensitivity to the needs and concerns of, and ability to work well with, individuals and groups from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and orientations.
- Excellent attention to detail and commitment to follow-through.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Healthy sense of outrage and desire to change the world for the better.
- Experience in complex civil litigation is preferred.

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.

Applications

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 or persuasive memo for which you were the primary author (please note the contributions of others). In your cover letter, please specify whether you are applying to work in the Washington, D.C. or Oakland, CA office or remotely. Candidates applying to work in D.C. are preferred.

Please send your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net. Reference “2023 Two-Year 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.

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. 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.