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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

FALL 2023 LEGAL EXTERNS

with focus on

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

Public Justice is a nonprofit legal advocacy organization that takes on some of 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. Public Justice seeks to hire four legal externs for Fall 2023. 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 penalized 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, advocacy, and collaboration with student-led movements to create a safe educational environment where all students can learn and thrive and to secure justice for students harmed by harassment and other forms of discrimination. We bring high-stakes lawsuits and appeals on behalf of students who are denied educational opportunities based on their race, national origin, ethnicity, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

The externs are welcome to work in-person in either Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C., or its Oakland, California, office, subject to pandemic conditions and vaccination status. The externs may

also work remotely. All externs may assist attorneys in both of Public Justice's offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

Public Justice's law externs research and develop new cases in conjunction with our attorneys, law fellows, and cooperating counsel. They also provide assistance to attorneys in ongoing litigation. Our law 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, Latine, 2SLGBTQIA+, 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, 2SLGBTQIA+ equity, and access to opportunity for all. We encourage applications from people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; people with varying abilities; , 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages.

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net no later than **June 15, 2023**. 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, the Oakland office, or remotely. 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.

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