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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

SUMMER 2024 LAW CLERKS

with focus on

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

Who We Are

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.

What We Are Looking For

Public Justice seeks to hire four law clerks for Summer 2024. Two law clerks will work in all Public Justice practice areas (general litigation), one will focus on our Environmental Enforcement Project, and one will focus on our Students' Civil Rights Project.

- Two **general litigation** law clerks 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 Environmental Enforcement Project, described below.
- Our [Students' Civil Rights Project](#), which seeks to hire one law clerk, 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.
- Our [Environmental Enforcement Project](#), which seeks to hire one law clerk, combats climate change and pollution by bringing lawsuits to enforce our environmental laws. Our litigation holds polluters accountable by forcing them to pay for the damage caused by their pollution and to clean up their practices and the environment, and our lawsuits seek transformative change.

The law clerks 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 law clerks may also work remotely, subject to some limitations. All law clerks may assist attorneys in both of Public Justice's offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.



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Key Responsibilities

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

We encourage students to seek and use outside sources of funding or stipends, and we will help students secure that funding. Where necessary, Public Justice will provide supplemental funding equivalent to the minimum wage.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access

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, Latiné, LGBTQIA2S+, 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, LGBTQIA2S+ equality, and access to opportunity for all. We encourage applications from people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; people with disabilities; LGBTQIA2S+ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages. Please visit the link below to read our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access policy statement.

[Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access](#)

If you require reasonable accommodations during any part of the recruitment process, please email LNicholls@publicjustice.net.

How to Apply

Applicants must have completed their second year of law school by Summer 2024. ***We do not accept applications from first-year students.***

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net no later than **September 12, 2023**. Reference "General Litigation," "Environmental Enforcement Project," or "Students' Civil Rights Project" in your subject line to indicate the law clerk 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. If you seek to work remotely, please state whether you anticipate being able to secure funding and from what state you anticipate working. 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. **In addition, Public Justice considers applications via the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and certain law schools' OCI programs;** applicants participating in those programs should follow those applicable deadlines and submission procedures and need not also submit an application to the "lawfellow" email address.

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