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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please post and inform potential applicants.

### **SPRING 2024 LEGAL EXTERNS**

**with focus on**

**General Litigation, Environmental Enforcement Project, or Students' Civil Rights Project**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., 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 legal externs for the Spring 2024 semester. Two externs 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** 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 in cases where indigent defendants are jailed or face other harsh consequences simply because they cannot afford to pay fines, fees, bail, or other court debt; the Students' Civil Rights Project, described below; and the Environmental Enforcement Project, described below.
- Our [Students' Civil Rights Project](#), which seeks to hire one extern, combines high-impact litigation with other advocacy tools to combat harassment and other forms of discrimination in schools. We strive to create systemic change so all students can learn and thrive, and to secure justice for students who are denied educational opportunities based on their race, national origin, ethnicity, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

- Our [Environmental Enforcement Project](#), which seeks to hire one extern, 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 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 assist 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.

### **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 this link 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](mailto:LNicholls@publicjustice.net).

### **How to Apply**

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.*

Please submit your application to [lawfellow@publicjustice.net](mailto:lawfellow@publicjustice.net) no later than **October 15, 2023**. Reference "General Litigation," "Environmental Enforcement 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](http://www.publicjustice.net).