



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

2027 SUMMER LAW CLERKS

with focus on

Access to Justice Project, Debtors' Prison Project, Environmental Enforcement Project, or

Students' Civil Rights Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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 2027, one in each of our four project areas. While each law clerk will focus on a single project area, they may work in other project areas as need and opportunity arise. Our four project areas are:

- The [Access to Justice Project](#) seeks to make the civil court system a fair, equitable, and effective tool for those with less power to win just outcomes. Primarily through high-impact litigation, we dismantle the procedural and structural barriers between ordinary people and the civil justice system, such as forced arbitration, limits on collective actions, overly strict standing requirements, and unwarranted court secrecy.
- The [Debtors' Prison Project](#) fights to end the criminalization of poverty and shrink the carceral system. Working with allies and impacted communities, we use litigation, advocacy, and education to ensure no one is jailed simply because they can't pay and to stop governments and for-profit corporations from treating people impacted by the system as a revenue source.
- The [Students' Civil Rights Project](#) works to ensure that schools create safe and equitable learning environments, free from discrimination, so all students can learn and thrive. We use high-impact litigation and other advocacy tools to combat discrimination in schools, focusing primarily on racism, sexism, homophobia, and transphobia. When schools fail their students, we take them to court to secure long-lasting, systemic change and justice for the students. We also work to empower students—including students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and student survivors of sexual harassment—to press for change in their schools.
- The [Environmental Enforcement Project](#) goes to court every day to fight climate change, secure environmental justice, and make polluters pay. We utilize the most powerful tools available to citizens by enforcing our Nation's environmental laws in state and federal court. Our

experienced litigators win precedent-setting cases that result in meaningful, transformative change. We hold polluters accountable by requiring corporations to clean up their act and comply with our Nation's environmental laws.

Law Clerks are welcome to work in-person in either Public Justice's headquarters in Washington, D.C., or remotely, subject to some limitations. All law clerks may assist attorneys in Public Justice's D.C. office, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

Public Justice's law clerks research and develop new cases in conjunction with our attorneys, law fellows, and cooperating counsel. They also assist 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.

Public Justice EEO Statement and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Access

We recognize that creating a truly equitable, inclusive, and diverse organization is an ongoing journey, and we're proud and excited to share our journey with you. Please read our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy, available [here](#).

Public Justice is an equal-opportunity employer and values a diverse workplace. We are committed to providing an environment of mutual respect where equitable employment opportunities are available to all applicants. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, age, national origin, citizenship of immigration status, disability, veteran status, record of arrest or conviction, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. People of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender and gender diverse people, women, people with abilities in multiple languages, immigrants, people living with disabilities, veterans, and formerly incarcerated individuals are strongly encouraged to apply.

Public Justice is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodations during any part of the hiring process, please email HR@publicjustice.net.

Studies have shown that members of marginalized groups tend to underestimate their qualifications and are less likely to apply for jobs unless they believe they meet every single one of the qualifications in a job description, despite the reality that applicants rarely ever meet 100% of the qualifications. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive organization and are most interested in finding the best candidate for the role. That candidate may come from a background less traditional to our field of work, and that's okay! We strongly encourage you to apply, even if you don't believe you meet every one of the qualifications described.

How to Apply

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. Applicants must have completed their second year of law school by Summer 2027. ***We do not accept applications from first-year students.***

Please submit your application to lawfellow@publicjustice.net no later than **August 21, 2026**. Reference the project for which you are applying in your subject line, and specify in your cover letter whether you are applying to work in the Washington, D.C., 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;** applicants participating in that program 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.