

LEGAL AID JUSTICE CENTER INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

About the Legal Aid Justice Center

The Legal Aid Justice Center is a nationally recognized, non-profit civil legal assistance program with offices in **Charlottesville, Falls Church (Metro D.C.), and Richmond**. Our dynamic staff of more than thirty advocates pursue systemic legal advocacy for low-income Virginians using a wide array of strategies. Through legal representation, community education and statewide advocacy, the Legal Aid Justice Center works both to eliminate the immediate symptoms and to address the underlying causes of poverty. Our practice areas fall into four main programs as follows:

- The **Economic Justice Program** focuses on matters related to housing, mental health services, consumer protection, employment, immigration, and public benefits, and is home to several legal clinics.
- The **Immigrant Advocacy Program** supports low-wage immigrant workers throughout Virginia in their efforts to find justice and fair treatment in the workplace.
- **JustChildren** provides individual representation to at-risk children, organizes parents to be effective youth advocates, and works to change laws and policies for the benefit of all children in Virginia.
- The **Civil Rights and Racial Justice Program** works to end the criminalization of poverty in Virginia by exposing and addressing the connections between policing, poverty, race and injustice.

The Legal Aid Justice Center is an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences, and communities to apply.

The Legal Aid Justice Center is committed to strengthening the voices of our low-income clients, working in collaboration with community partners, and rooting out the inequities that keep people in poverty. We strive to take on the issues that have broad impact on our client communities and to be responsive to client input. Recognizing the particular impact of racism on our clients and staff, we devote special attention to dismantling racial injustice.

All applicants must be dedicated to working in and sustaining an environment that enables staff and clients to feel empowered, valued, respected, and safe. In reviewing applications, we look for evidence that applicants have experience and/or thoughtfulness in working with traditionally marginalized populations.

Fellowship Program Information

The Legal Aid Justice Center seeks to host one or more recent law graduates as Equal Justice Works, Skadden or other privately-funded public service fellows in one of our three offices in Virginia. Depending on individual interest and location preference, the fellow may work on one or several of various poverty law issues such as immigrant advocacy, public benefits, affordable housing, consumer protection, employment, health, education, or juvenile justice. Past fellows have had the opportunity to assist with clinical supervision, staff high impact cases with nation-wide implications, and participate in legislative advocacy. The fellowship candidate must be a third-year law student or recent law school graduate with a demonstrated record of public service and a willingness to apply for public interest law

fellowships. In considering hosting an applicant, we want to talk with you about cutting edge issues in our practice which we believe will merit a fellowship, and we will actively assist the candidate in developing a project and preparing application materials. The positions are dependent upon the candidate's ability to secure a fully funded public interest fellowship.

To Apply: Please forward expressions of interest, including a cover letter indicating areas of interest, law school transcript, resume and writing sample to Mary Bauer at fellowships@justice4all.org by **July 15**.

For more information about the Legal Aid Justice Center and any of these programs, please visit our website at www.justice4all.org.