

# Legal Aid Justice Center Invites Applications for Public Interest Fellowships

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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 to eliminate the symptoms and 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, 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.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Legal Aid Justice Center is committed to strengthening the voices of our low-income clients while working in collaboration with community partners, and rooting out 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, we devote special attention to dismantling racial injustice.

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All applicants must be dedicated to working in and sustaining an environment that enables staff members 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.

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### **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 (Richmond, Falls Church, or Charlottesville.) 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 nationwide 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 open a dialogue with the applicant in which we discuss the cutting-edge issues in our practice which we believe will merit a fellowship. We actively assist the candidate in developing a project and preparing application materials. Please note, the positions depend upon the candidate's ability to secure a fully-funded public interest fellowship. We expect fellows to begin employment Fall 2020.

**To apply:** Please forward questions and expressions of interest (including a cover letter indicating areas of interest, law school transcript, and writing sample) to Mario Salas, Attorney, Internship and Fellowship Coordinator, at [fellowships@justice4all.org](mailto:fellowships@justice4all.org) by **July 19, 2019**.

For more information about the Legal Aid Justice Center, please visit our website at <http://www.justice4all.org>.

