Impact Litigation Fellowship 2024

The Impact Fund seeks to sponsor a thoughtful, creative, and collaborative candidate for a 2024 public interest fellowship. The Impact Fund is interested in applicants with civil rights-focused project proposals who intend to apply for outside funding, including internally funded law school fellowships.

Job Description: Applicants should be prepared to describe one or more project ideas related to improving access to justice, public benefits, civil rights, or any social justice issue that has the potential to be addressed through impact litigation. The Impact Fund will assist in developing the idea into a fellowship proposal and help prepare fellowship applications as needed.

During their fellowship, the Law Fellow will be a fully integrated member of the Impact Fund’s legal team, working on our current docket of civil rights cases, legal projects, and amicus briefs. They will have the opportunity to participate in all aspects of our legal work, including case investigation, strategy, discovery, and drafting case and amicus briefs. They will attend our Class Action Training Institute and Class Action Conference. The Law Fellow will report to the Director of Litigation and Training and will also work closely with the Executive Director. Our small legal team ensures daily interaction with key decisionmakers, significant responsibility, and meaningful litigation experience.

Qualifications: Impact Fund seeks a candidate that is entering the third year of law school or a recent graduate. Current or incoming judicial clerks are encouraged to apply.

In addition, the successful candidate will have:

- Demonstrated commitment to civil rights and social justice through relevant coursework, prior employment, academic activities, and/or externships;
- Completed the California bar exam before beginning work;
- Excellent research and writing skills;
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively; and
- Strong communication skills in both legal and non-legal interactions.

Salary: $65,000 annually. Additional benefits include fully subsidized health insurance for the Law Fellow and a 50% subsidy for spouse and dependents, 10 paid sick days per year, 10 paid vacation days for the first year, and approximately 12 paid holidays per year.

Anticipated Start Date: Late August 2024

Application Instructions: Applicants should email a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, and three professional or academic references to Meredith Dixon (mdixon@impactfund.org) by 5 pm Pacific on Friday, June 16, 2023. We ask that the cover letter describe one or more project ideas or areas of interest. Please indicate “Law Fellow Application for [your name]” in the email subject. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

The Impact Fund is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply.