

Public Rights Project

Public Rights Project is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating the gap between the values expressed in our laws and the lived reality of our most vulnerable communities. We empower state and local law offices to protect the core rights and freedoms that define us as Americans by providing them with talent and resources to proactively enforce their residents' legal rights.

Become a Public Rights Project Fellow

ADVANCE JUSTICE & EQUALITY AT THE STATE & LOCAL LEVEL

WORK WITH & LEARN FROM PASSIONATE PUBLIC LEADERS

DEVELOP AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION SKILLS & STRATEGY

The Fellowship

Public Rights Project helps talented attorneys find pathways into rewarding public service careers. We place skilled, public interest-minded fellows into a state or city law office -- a City Attorney, District Attorney, or Attorney General – for **two years**. Fellows will have the opportunity to work on a range of **civil rights**, **economic justice**, and **environmental justice** issues that directly impact vulnerable populations locally and across the country.

Fellows will work collaboratively alongside colleagues in their government offices on **affirmative impact litigation**, **coalition-building** and **community engagement, policy research**, and other enforcement projects developed with their placement offices. They will help develop new cases and generate new ideas for their office to expand public rights enforcement.

Eligibility

Fellows must have an active bar membership in a U.S. state and a passion for public service. The fellowship is likely suited for attorneys with **3-5 years** of legal experience after law school and a background in litigation.

Benefits

The fellowship pays a yearly stipend calculated based on the fellow's legal experience, cost of living in the fellow's placement city, and the average pay of other attorneys in the fellow's placement office. Generally, the stipend will range from \$60,000-\$80,000. Fellows will receive an additional stipend to cover health insurance costs.

What We're Looking For

Enthusiasm for Public Service • Legal Research and Writing Skills • Litigation Experience • Entrepreneurial and Creative Thinking • Ability to Navigate Complex Organizations • Interpersonal and Communication Skills • Effective Advocates

Commitment to Diversity

Public Rights Project is committed to the principles and practices of equal employment opportunity. We aim to assemble an applicant pool that represents the face of the world we live in. We believe that a variety of perspectives enrich the efficacy of the work of local and state governments. We encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Professional Development

Fellows will participate in a multi-day orientation and monthly check-in calls with other fellows and PRP staff. Fellows will also receive professional development opportunities from PRP staff and partners.

Locations

During the 2018-2020 cycle, fellows will have the opportunity to work either in the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey or in the Office of Oakland City Attorney Barbara Parker. Prospective fellows may apply to one or both offices.

In **Massachusetts**, fellows will be placed within one of the Divisions of the Public Protection & Advocacy Bureau and will have the opportunity to:

- Combat fraud and abuse in student lending, including for-profit schools, loan servicers, and so-called student debt relief companies;
- Fight against wage theft, particularly when it affects low-income and immigrant workers in the construction, restaurant, and other hard-hit industries;
- Confront fraud and scams perpetrated against immigrant communities, including real estate scams, tax-relief schemes, consumer fraud, and notario fraud; and
- Partner with law enforcement and local organizations to confront bias-motivated incidents and combat hate crimes in our communities.

In **Oakland**, fellows will be placed within the Community Lawyering & Civil Rights Unit of the Affirmative Litigation, Innovation & Enforcement Division and will have the opportunity to:

- Take targeted action to address public health and other environmental justice hazards that endanger city residents;
- Combat consumer fraud, wage theft, and discrimination against immigrants, communities of color, women, and low-income residents;
- Convene other local governments that engage in similar policy-forward civil rights enforcement and building lasting partnerships with those localities; and
- Be an integral part of the office's strategic decision-making, not just regarding ongoing cases, but also in deciding which impact cases to bring.

Deadlines

March 15, 2018	Application Opens
May 15, 2018	Application Closes
June 2018	Candidate Interviews
July 2018	Fellowships Offered
July 2018	Fellows Announced
September 2018	Fellowships Start

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March 15, 2018 - May 15, 2018 by visiting:
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QUESTIONS?

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