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.
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**

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**APPLY**

March 15, 2018 - May 15, 2018 by visiting: www.publicrightsproject.org/apply

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact fellows@publicrightproject.org

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**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.

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