



# Join the Affirmative Leaders Fellowship For Current Government Attorneys

- Advance Justice & Equality at the State & Local Level
- Develop Affirmative Litigation Skills & Strategy
- Connect to a National Network of Public Impact Litigators

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.

## The Affirmative Leaders Fellowship

Public Rights Project's Affirmative Leaders Fellowship helps state and local government offices build capacity to protect the rights of vulnerable communities by focusing on their existing staff. We provide **one year** of training and professional development, plus access to a national network of impact litigators within government, to current state and local government attorneys. This support enables fellows to initiate, expand, or deepen the impact of their office's equitable enforcement work. Affirmative Leaders Fellows work on a range of **civil rights**, **economic justice**, and **environmental justice** issues that directly impact vulnerable populations in their communities and across the country.

Affirmative Leaders Fellows will strengthen and apply skills in **affirmative impact litigation**, **coalition-building and community engagement**, **policy research**, and **public leadership**.

## Benefits

During the year-long program, Affirmative Leaders Fellows will:

- › Participate in an orientation, where they will meet their fellows cohort, learn from leaders in public affirmative litigation, and spend time setting goals and planning for the year.
- › Join at least 2 other in-person convenings to learn concrete skills like managing investigations, taking depositions, trial advocacy, amicus work, and interpersonal skills like leadership development.
- › Connect by video conference monthly for coaching and additional learning opportunities.
- › Receive one-on-one mentoring focused on developing an affirmative litigation practice.
- › Carry out affirmative work in their offices that gives them a chance to apply their skills and improves the lives of vulnerable residents in their communities

As Affirmative Leaders Fellowship alumni, former fellows will:

- › Continue to have access to Public Rights Project's network of public impact litigators.
- › Receive discounts on and access to ongoing training and professional development opportunities.

## Eligibility

Fellows must be current employees of a state or local government law office with an active bar membership in the jurisdiction where their office is located. At least part of their job description should include or will include affirmative litigation. The fellowship is likely best suited for attorneys who have newly joined a government office or who have recently moved within government to a new or expanded affirmative litigation role.

## What We're Looking For

- › Practicing licensed attorneys, with anywhere from 3 to 20+ years of experience.
- › Currently employed at a state or local government law office.
- › Seeking to develop or expand affirmative litigation skills. For example, some participants might be skilled prosecutors or general counsel seeking to transition to civil litigation. Others might be experienced civil litigators transitioning to plaintiff-side work or moving into government for the first time from the private or nonprofit sectors.
- › Attorneys passionate about the power of government to improve residents' lives.

## 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.

## Locations

Public Rights Project is a national organization and seeks applicants from state and local public law offices - like city attorney, county counsel, district attorney and state attorney general offices - across the United States.

## Deadlines

January 28, 2019	Application Opens
March 8, 2019	Application Closes
March 2019	Candidate Interviews
April 2019	Fellowships Offered
May 2019	Fellowships Start

## Cost

The estimated value of the fellowship is \$20,000. The majority of Public Rights Project's costs to run the program are covered with generous support from foundations and charitable donations.

Fellows, through their offices, are asked to contribute a participation fee of \$4,750, which includes travel and lodging for in-person sessions. This fee may be discounted or waived upon request, depending on the needs of individual offices. Please reach out to us for more information about these discounts.

## Read More

<https://www.publicrightsproject.org/ALF>

## Apply

January 28, 2019 - March 8, 2019 by visiting:  
[www.publicrightsproject.org/apply](https://www.publicrightsproject.org/apply)

## Questions?

Contact [fellows@publicrightproject.org](mailto:fellows@publicrightproject.org)

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