



**FAMILY JUSTICE LAW CENTER**

## **2025 Legal Fellowship Sponsorship Proposal Invitation**

### **Summary Description**

The Family Justice Law Center (FJLC) seeks rising third-year law students, judicial clerks, and other recent law graduates to sponsor for externally-funded public interest fellowships, including the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works, Open Society Foundations, Justice Catalyst, and other fellowship programs, such as law school specific fellowship programs. The length of a fellowship will be governed by the funding organization's policy. Applicants should submit ideas for a fellowship project related to combatting, through litigation, civil rights violations and protecting civil liberties in the child welfare system (frequently referred to as the family regulation/policing system).

Proposals for sponsorship should include 1) a short description of the problem you seek to address, 2) strategies and tools you intend to use to address it, 3) goals for yourself during the fellowship, and 4) your specific qualifications to undertake the project. FJLC understands that project proposals may be broad at this stage. FJLC will work with chosen candidates to develop their fellowship project proposals for submission. Selected candidates will be required to apply for their own funding by preparing and submitting proposals to relevant fellowship programs with support from FJLC.

### **About the Family Justice Law Center**

The Family Justice Law Center, uses strategic civil rights litigation to seek justice for families mistreated by the child welfare system, frequently referred to as the family regulation system. It challenges systemic abuses of government power that lead to the illegal separation and surveillance of families. It seeks redress for harms, while promoting change to help families survive and thrive.

To learn more visit [www.fjlc.org](http://www.fjlc.org).

### **Application Process**

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- Brief statement (in a cover letter or otherwise) explaining the applicant's interest in a fellowship with FJLC and the proposed project which includes 1) a short description of the problem you seek to address, 2) strategies and tools you intend to use to address it, 3) goals for yourself during the fellowship, and 4) your specific qualifications to undertake the project;



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- Resume;
- Law school transcript;
- List of references, including contact information;
- A recent legal writing sample (no longer than 10 pages). The applicant should be the primary author and the work should not have been significantly revised by someone else.

Please submit your application materials in a single electronic file to [info@fjlc.org](mailto:info@fjlc.org) with the subject line “Fellowship Proposal – [Name].”

**Experience & Qualifications**

- J.D. or expected J.D. by Fall 2025
- Must be—or plan to become by Fall 2025—a member of the New York Bar or take immediate steps to apply for membership (either through examination or reciprocity) after accepting the position.
- Superb analytic, research, and writing skills.
- Capacity to think broadly and creatively about developing and expanding new advocacy strategies in a long-neglected area of civil rights practice.
- Familiarity with family defense rights is preferred; commitment to the integrity and preservation of families struggling with poverty and racial injustice is essential.
- Enthusiasm for helping to build a new organization and flexibility during the growth process required.
- Willingness to collaborate with FJLC to shape the project proposal through the funding application process.

Equal employment opportunity has been, and will continue to be, a fundamental principle at FJLC, where employment is based upon personal capabilities and qualifications without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, military or veteran status, marital or civil partnership/union status, familial status, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record to the extent required by applicable law, sexual and reproductive health decisions, citizenship or immigration status, or any other protected characteristic as established by applicable law.

We believe our clients and our mission will be served by centering those who have been directly impacted. Candidates with direct experience, or members of communities routinely targeted, are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Location**



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New York, NY. Please note, this is an in-person position.

**Application Deadline**

Applications are due by July 10, 2024, but will be reviewed on a rolling basis as submitted.

**Salary and Benefits**

Salary and benefits will be governed by the funding organization's policies. Benefits include excellent medical and dental insurance, unlimited paid time off, and early closings and ability to work remotely on Fridays in the summer.

Please note that this is not a fellowship being offered independently by FJLC. This position is fully contingent upon sponsorship being secured by an external fellowship.