
NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

2020 Legal Fellowship Announcement

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (Law Center) is the only national organization dedicated solely to using the power of the law to end and prevent homelessness. Partnering with pro bono attorneys, we bring high impact litigation, lead and support federal, state and local advocacy campaigns, and educate providers, advocates and the public. Our work creates homes and communities for families, children, veterans, elderly and disabled people experiencing homelessness using surplus government property, improves access to housing for domestic violence survivors and their children, secures education rights for children experiencing homelessness, and protects human rights and dignity by striking down laws that prevent people experiencing homelessness from voting and that punish them for their homelessness.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Law Center invites rising second-year law students, judicial law clerks, and recent law graduates to submit fellowship proposals for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, Soros, Echoing Green and/or other similar programs. Applicants may create their own proposals but they must be related to one or more of the Law Center's substantive priority or project areas. The Law Center has had a history of successful applicant sponsorship. Please contact Deborah Shepard HR@nlchp.org if you have questions about designing a fellowship proposal.

Some topics and issues of particular interest to the Law Center include:

- Homeless children and youth access to education and extracurricular activities
- Housing rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Criminalization of homelessness, including unlawful sweeps of homeless encampments and the school-to-prison pipeline for students.
- A right to housing under international or domestic law, including using domestic courts to obtain housing remedies.

Fellowship proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law;
- Knowledge of, or strong interest in, the relevant issues presented in the fellowship proposal;
- Connection to, familiarity with, or experience working on social justice issues with communities and individuals experiencing homelessness;
- Excellent oral, writing, and legal research skills;
- Anticipated or current bar membership

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants should email in a single attachment cover letter, resume, one-page summary of the fellowship proposal, list of three professional references, and a short writing sample to Deborah Shepard at HR@nlchp.org, with "2020 Fellowship Sponsorship" in the subject line. Interested students should apply before August 1, 2019 and will be considered on a rolling basis until a candidate is chosen. **No phone calls, please.** Only those candidates selected for an interview will be notified.

The Law Center is an equal opportunity employer. Persons of color, LGBTQIA+ persons, persons with disabilities, and persons who have experienced homelessness are especially encouraged to apply.