Call for Applications Skadden, EJW, Soros: 2020-2022 Legal Fellowships Across Project Areas

The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is seeking to sponsor bright, creative, and driven individuals for the two-year Skadden Fellowship, the 18-month Soros Justice Fellowship, and the two-year Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowship. Skadden and Equal Justice Works applicants have the option of working in any of the following project areas: Criminal Justice, Economic Justice, Educational Opportunities, Voting Rights, Stop Hate, Special Litigation and Advocacy, and Fair Housing and Community Development. The Soros Justice applicant would work with our Criminal Justice Project or propose a project addressing the intersection of the criminal justice system and any of the Lawyers’ Committee’s other areas of work. Our fellows become involved with substantive legal activities, which involve co-counseled litigation with prominent law firms, including client contact, case investigation, discovery, negotiations, amicus briefs, appeals, and trial practice. Non-litigation activities include legal services to community development groups, legislative and public policy advocacy, and public education on important civil rights matters.

Qualifications

- A strong and demonstrated commitment to civil rights and racial justice;
- Creative approach to civil rights work and ability to take initiative during the project development and implementation stage;
- Prior experience working with or ties to low-income communities of color;
- Excellent research, writing, and analytical skills as demonstrated through writing samples, internship and clinical experience, and academic record;
- Ability to work cooperatively on a variety of projects with all Lawyers’ Committee staff and to develop and maintain positive relationships with diverse clients and community organizations; and
- Effective written and oral communication skills in both legal and non-legal settings.

How to Apply

Applicants should consult the websites of the Skadden Foundation, the Open Society Foundations, and EJW for more information about their selection processes and compensation. Applications for sponsorship must be received by **July 20, 2019**. To apply, complete this application form and submit the following documents as PDF attachments:

- Cover letter describing your interest in the Lawyers’ Committee generally and a particular project area of interest
- Resume
- Writing sample
- Unofficial transcript
- List of three references

Please apply online at [https://podio.com/webforms/22844206/1619453](https://podio.com/webforms/22844206/1619453)
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We strongly encourage candidates of color and candidates from underrepresented communities to apply.

If you have any questions about applying, please contact Fellowship Committee Co-chairs Brendan Downes at bdownes@lawyerscommittee.org, Pooja Chaudhuri at pchaudhuri@lawyerscommittee.org, and Maryum Jordan at mjordan@lawyerscommittee.org.