



2020-2021 Digital Justice Legal Fellowship

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is one of the leading national civil rights legal organizations, with the principal mission of fighting racial discrimination faced by African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities. The Lawyers' Committee was formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity – work that continues to be vital today.

The Lawyers' Committee seeks a bright, creative and driven candidate for a 2020-2021 Digital Justice Legal Fellowship. This fellowship will provide a junior attorney or recent law school graduate with an opportunity to become familiar with civil rights practice by working with many of the nation's leading civil rights experts at the National Office of the Lawyers' Committee in Washington, DC. Our Fellows become involved with substantive legal activities including co-counseled litigation with prominent law firms and non-litigation activities such as transactional legal services, legislative and public policy advocacy and public education on important civil rights matters.

The Digital Justice Legal Fellowship is a one-year legal fellowship starting in Fall 2020 with the Lawyers' Committee's [Digital Justice Initiative](#). The Digital Justice Initiative focuses on the intersection of civil rights, privacy and technology. The Fellow's work will focus on the impacts of technology and data practices on African Americans and other marginalized communities, such as voter suppression and disinformation on social media; data discrimination in economic opportunities; online hate and harassment; and government surveillance. The Fellow will receive an opportunity to develop a variety of advocacy skills, including experience in litigation, public policy and corporate accountability. Law school graduates who have taken or are about to take the bar and have zero to two years of legal experience and/or judicial clerkships are encouraged to apply. This fellowship is funded by a grant from an external organization. This position is located in Washington, DC.

Minimum Requirements and Competencies:

- A strong and demonstrated commitment to civil rights and racial justice;
- Law school graduates who have taken the bar or expect to take the bar in 2020 may apply;
- 0-2 years legal experience;
- Prior experience working with or ties to low-income communities of color;

- Familiarity with technology and/or privacy issues as demonstrated through academic studies, prior work experience, internships, clinical experience, or other relevant experience;
- 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.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter demonstrating your interest, resume, 5-10 page writing sample and list of two references at <https://podio.com/webforms/24763631/1816700>. No calls will be accepted. **Applications for the 2020-2021 Digital Justice Legal Fellowship are due on July 31, 2020.**

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: The Lawyers' Committee embraces diversity and inclusion in our workplace. We strongly encourage candidates of color and candidates from underrepresented communities to apply. The Lawyers' Committee does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibility, personal appearance, genetic information, matriculation, political affiliation or any other status protected under law.

Accessibility Assistance: Although calls will not be accepted regarding questions about the position, if you are an individual with a disability and need assistance completing the online application, please call 202-662-8600 and ask for an applicant accommodation or send an email with the subject line "Applicant Accommodation" to kcoates@lawyerscommittee.org.