



Fellowship Opportunity

Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP) seeks applicants to host for projects through the Equal Justice Works Fellowship, Skadden Fellowship, and Justice Catalyst.

Ideal candidates will be law students entering their third year, recent graduates who expect to complete a judicial clerkship in the summer of 2022, or lawyers who are otherwise eligible for these fellowships.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to providing high quality legal services to low-income families, an excellent academic record, and a connection to the population or the issue in their proposed project. Fluency in Spanish or another critical-needs language is preferred, but not required. The fellowship, if awarded, will begin in the fall of 2022 and is anticipated to last two years. The fellow will work closely with experienced legal services attorneys.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

NLSP will consider well-researched and impactful projects touching on any areas of our practice including family, domestic violence, and housing law, or economic security issues. We are especially interested in the following types of projects:

- Family law projects that increase representation for underserved populations, including individuals with disabilities and people who do not speak English or who have limited proficiency.
- Providing civil legal services to families involved with DC's Child and Family Services Agency or to parents whose child(ren) have special physical, educational, or emotional needs.
- Preserving public housing and/or the rights of public housing tenants in DC.
- Community development projects that focus on preserving affordable housing at the building level, which could include preserving and enforcing rent control, TOPA work, building-wide conditions, helping buildings form cooperatives, and/or connecting with our Housing Cooperative Preservation Initiative practice area in some way.
- Projects that address barriers to pandemic recovery for DC renters.
- Projects that address the barriers underserved communities experience when seeking and retaining public benefits such as: unemployment insurance, SNAP, TANF, SSI/SSDI, and Veterans Benefits.

-Projects that address predatory consumer lending practices, predatory consumer credit repair products, abusive debt collection practices, and/or inaccurate credit reporting targeting underserved communities.

-Projects that assess and address the impact of government fines, fees, and professional and drivers' license revocations on low-income people.

-Projects that propose novel approaches to enforcement of state and federal consumer protection laws through private litigation.

ABOUT NLSP

NLSP is a private, non-profit law firm that provides vigorous, high-quality civil legal services to low-income residents of the District of Columbia. NLSP has a long tradition of fighting for justice for the poor by combining direct representation to protect the essential rights of clients with efforts to achieve broad-based change. NLSP's three offices are located in the poorest sections of the District to maximize its visibility, accessibility, and connections to the communities it serves. NLSP's approach to advocacy is client-centered and strives to empower underserved residents and assist them to attain their individual, family, and community goals.

For additional information about NLSP, please visit our website at <http://www.nlsp.org/>.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested persons should apply by uploading a one-page fellowship proposal, cover letter, resume, and law school transcript here: <https://forms.gle/QKvGWnGpZo9HuegK9>

Please submit materials by **5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021**. NLSP may consider proposals received after the deadline on a rolling basis. If NLSP agrees to host a candidate, NLSP and the candidate will work together to apply for funding and develop a proposal to present to fellowship programs in fall 2021.

NLSP IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

It is the policy of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program that no employee or applicant for employment or services will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, family responsibilities or family status, veteran's status, or any other basis prohibited by law, including the D.C. Human Rights Act and Language Access Act.

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