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## **2011 Post-Graduate Fellowship Opportunities**

### **Community Lawyering in New York City**

**New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), a non-profit civil rights legal organization, is accepting applications from candidates for post-graduate fellowship opportunities in its Environmental Justice and Special Education programs. The Fellow would begin at NYLPI in the fall of 2011.**

**About NYLPI:** NYLPI pioneered the practice of community lawyering in the five boroughs of New York City. With every case and every campaign, we continue to elaborate an approach to working with marginalized communities that is ambitious, participatory, and dynamic.

Our legal activism focuses on issues of racial equality and disability rights. In our environmental justice project, we take on issues ranging from the overburdening of low-income communities of color with garbage facilities, to the presence of dangerous toxins in public schools, to the development of a green energy policy that places social equality front and center. The disability rights work focuses on defending and promoting the civil rights of people with disabilities in transportation, education, health care, and other aspects of life in New York City, with the goal of opening opportunity to all. NYLPI also has a health justice program, in which a community organizer and a team of attorneys challenge racial and ethnic disparities in the American health care system—including the discrimination faced by clients with limited English proficiency and the injustice of racialized, separate and unequal standards of health care. Finally, NYLPI's renowned Pro Bono Clearinghouse connects individual special education and disability-based housing discrimination cases as well as community organizations throughout NYC with pro bono attorneys from the City's largest law firms.

**About the Fellowship and the Application Process:** Organizations such as Equal Justice Works and the Skadden Fellowship Foundation each provide two-year fellowships to recent law graduates or outgoing judicial clerks who are motivated to work at a public interest law office such as NYLPI, which will sponsor the prospective fellow.

NYLPI seeks highly accomplished, progressive, community-minded candidates with excellent research and writing skills to advance the goals of our programs. All public interest fellowship programs are very competitive, and applicants need time to develop project proposals and complete applications. NYLPI thus strongly encourages all interested applicants to apply as early as possible. Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, most recent transcript (unofficial is okay) and three references, including daytime telephone numbers, to Katherine Terenzi at [fellowships@nylpi.org](mailto:fellowships@nylpi.org) as soon as possible but no later than **July 19, 2010**. If candidates have fellowship project ideas, they are welcome to discuss them in the cover letter, but it is not necessary to have a developed project proposal in order to apply. **Candidates should also complete the following online form at the time that they submit their applications: <http://tinyurl.com/NYLPIfellowships>**

NYLPI is an affirmative action employer and actively recruits people of color and individuals with disabilities.