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2010 Post-Graduate Fellowship Opportunities

Community Lawyering in New York City

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), a non-profit civil rights law firm, is accepting applications from candidates for post-graduate fellowship opportunities. The Fellow will contribute to social justice work at NYLPI beginning in the fall of 2010.

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 health justice program, a community organizer and a team of attorneys challenge racial, ethnic, and national-origin 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. 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. In our disability rights programs, social workers, community organizers, and attorneys work together to defend and promote the civil rights of people with disabilities in transportation, education, health care, and other aspects of life in New York City, with a focus on communities of color and with the goal of opening opportunity to all. NYLPI also houses a special project focused on developing collaborative strategies among scholars and activists nationwide to reverse the rollback of civil rights gains in the courts. Finally, NYLPI's renowned Pro Bono Clearinghouse connects community organizations throughout NYC with pro bono attorneys from the City's best-regarded 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 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, a resume, a writing sample, and three references (including daytime telephone numbers) to Amy Lalich at fellowships@nylpi.org as soon as possible but no later than **August 1, 2009**. Candidates should also complete the following online form at the time that they submit their applications: <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=cElqUEJ3enBTbjg0aFFibkdFTEFVYnc6MA>. NYLPI is accepting project proposals for all of our program areas, with a preference for projects related to disability rights or health justice.

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