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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

FALL 2021/SPRING 2022 FOOD PROJECT LAW CLERKS For Academic Credit

**OAKLAND, CA or WASHINGTON, DC (preferred, pandemic conditions allowing);
REMOTE (considered)**

Public Justice, a non-profit legal advocacy organization that pursues high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth’s sustainability, and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses, seeks to hire two law students to work in our Food Project, one for an intern/extern position for the Fall 2021 semester, and another for an intern/extern position for the Spring 2022 semester (“Law Clerks”). The Food Project at Public Justice combines litigation with education and advocacy to reform the harmful practices employed by industrial animal agriculture and support a more sustainable and humane food production system. The Law Clerks will work with attorneys in both the Oakland and Washington, D.C. offices, as well as remote attorneys throughout the country.

The Food Project at Public Justice takes a multifaceted approach to build power and achieve a just, humane, sustainable, and regenerative animal agriculture system. In our lawsuits, we represent farmers, rural communities, consumers, and workers who share our vision. In our advocacy, we spread awareness of the systemic inequities that have allowed this corporate takeover of our food system and show policymakers and the public how they can support a return to farming focused on sustaining communities rather than extracting profit.

The Law Clerks will research and develop new cases in conjunction with our Food Project attorneys, law fellows, and cooperating counsel. They will also provide assistance to our Food Project attorneys in ongoing litigation. For example, our law clerks generally write briefs and memoranda, research legal issues and develop factual background, and collaborate on our efforts to change the dominant pro-corporate narrative and build power for the communities and individuals impacted by industrial animal agriculture.

This position is open only to those who can secure academic credit for their work with Public Justice. We will help students secure credit from their schools.

Qualifications:

- Completed first year of law school.



- Excellent analytical, legal research, and writing skills.
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills.
- Self-motivation and proven ability to work as part of a team.
- Strong work ethic, initiative, and sound, yet creative judgment.
- Sensitivity to the needs and concerns of and the ability to work with individuals and groups from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and orientations.
- A strong desire to build a movement to achieve a more just food system.
- Contributes to the creation of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work culture that encourages collaboration.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a:

- Cover letter that conveys why you are drawn to Public Justice’s mission and what makes you a good fit for the Food Project.
- Resume.
- Law school transcript (unofficial or “grade sheet” accepted).
- Contact information for two to three references.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum that is either unedited or only lightly edited by someone other than you. Please include a cover sheet explaining the extent of editing by someone else.

Your application should consist of two electronic files: (1) your cover letter, resume, transcript, and references in a single .pdf file; and (2) a writing sample in another .pdf file. Applications for the Fall Semester 2021 position will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting August 2021 and for the Spring Semester 2022 starting September 2021. Applicants are welcome to apply for both semesters at the same time, if the applicant is open to working either semester.

Please submit both files to Food Project Attorney Kellan Smith at ksmith@publicjustice.net. For more information, please visit our website at <https://food.publicjustice.net/>.

Public Justice is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse workplace. We strongly encourage applications from people with disabilities; people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; LGBTQ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages. Public Justice is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If you are a qualified individual with a disability and need assistance applying online, please email vni@publicjustice.net. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request an accommodation for the interview process.