



THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATIONS
The Southern California Affiliate of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

CALL FOR POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law (OUL) Project is seeking to host law students or recent graduates for school-based fellowships or other fellowships (including Equal Justice Works or Skadden fellowships) to begin in fall 2022. Located in Los Angeles, California, Public Counsel is the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the country. OUL is Public Counsel's impact litigation project. It works with communities to combat economic injustice in all its forms, in California and across the country.

OUL works in areas including educational equity, racial equity, economic rights, immigrant rights, child welfare, and challenging the criminalization of poverty. Some of OUL's recent litigation accomplishments are described below.

Educational Equity:

Smith v. Regents of the University of California was a first-of-its-kind lawsuit that alleged that University of California's use of SAT and ACT scores violated the California Constitution and State antidiscrimination statutes. In summer 2020, the court entered a preliminary injunction requiring the UC system to immediately stop using the SAT/ACT for admissions and scholarship determinations. After UC unsuccessfully attempted to stay the injunction, the parties settled the case in spring 2021, preventing UC from reverting to use of the tests. The preliminary injunction and settlement have resulted in historic gains in the numbers of Black and Latinx students applying to UC campuses.

Stephen C. v. United States Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is a lawsuit on behalf of the Native American Disability Law Center and a group of Native American students deprived of basic educational resources. As a result of a partial settlement reached in fall 2020, the BIE issued the first-ever national policy implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a critical step toward ensuring that students with disabilities are provided equal access to education.

Immigrant Rights:

Garcia v. United States is a lawsuit filed on behalf of six Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients challenging the Trump Administration's decision to rescind the DACA program. The case was litigated together with a lawsuit filed by the State of California. In summer 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that the Trump Administration's rescission of the DACA program violated the Administrative Procedure Act.

If you are interested in pursuing a fellowship with OUL, please send a cover letter (with, if applicable, a brief description of your proposed project), resume, list of references, and writing sample (no more than ten pages) to Rocio Garcia at rgarcia@publiccounsel.org. Any questions may also be emailed to Rocio Garcia.