



**2024 FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

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Job Type: FELLOWSHIP – Host Organization

Practice Areas: Litigation, Policy Advocacy, Direct Legal Services

Job Description

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights seeks rising 3L students or other qualified candidates, such as current judicial clerks or LLM students, interested in pursuing a post-graduate public interest law fellowship to begin August/September 2024 in our program area of *Equitable Community Development and Housing*.

Organization: Founded in 1969, Chicago Lawyers' Committee is our city's preeminent nonprofit civil rights legal organization. We are civil rights lawyers and advocates working to secure racial equity and economic opportunity for all. Chicago Lawyers' Committee provides legal representation through partnerships with the private bar, including over 20 member law firms, and collaborates with grass roots organizations and other advocacy groups to implement community-based solutions that advance civil rights.

Program Area: Our Equitable Community Development and Housing (ECDH) team provides legal and policy support to community-based organizations and coalitions in communities of color advocating for healthy, thriving communities and fighting gentrification and displacement. We engage in impact litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to combat housing discrimination and barriers to opportunity.

Opportunity: We are interested in candidates building a project focused on one of the following areas: (1) growing and protecting wealth and economic opportunity in communities of color through investments in alternative forms of homeownership and affordable housing, such as community land trusts, co-ops, and social housing; (2) challenging the criminalization of housing by advancing protections for people with arrest and conviction records and preventing discriminatory policing practices in housing; or (3) expanding access to housing under new state fair housing protections, focusing on either access to housing for immigrants or expanding housing choice for people with non-wage sources of income.

We seek candidates with a strong commitment to racial equity, social justice, and a demonstrated interest or experience in working with communities of color. Prior experience or demonstrated interest in our subject areas and a connection to Chicago-area communities are a plus.



Candidates must possess excellent research and writing skills. Specific responsibilities will include legal research and writing, developing legal strategies, conducting community training and education, assisting with grassroots advocacy and coalition work, and supporting our legal and advocacy work. Additional learning opportunities will include networking, skill development, and subject area training.

Click on the following links to learn more about the **Skadden Fellowship**, **Equal Justice Works Fellowship**, and **Justice Catalyst Fellowship**. You may also want to explore other opportunities through your law school, as several law schools offer public interest fellowship funding for their graduates.

Chicago Lawyers' Committee has a significant history of hosting Skadden and Equal Justice Works Fellows. We also have hosted law-school post-graduate fellows who are sponsored by their law schools. We will work with all fellowship applicants that we sponsor, to help them craft compelling and innovative proposals.

Application Instructions

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Resume
- Academic transcript (unofficial copy is fine)
- Brief writing sample (no more than 9 pages)
- Cover letter specifying their interest in a potential fellowship in *Equitable Community Development and Housing*; this can be an overview of interest and ideas rather than a detailed plan.

While candidates are encouraged to propose potential project ideas, Chicago Lawyers' Committee attorneys will work with the selected candidates to develop and hone proposals that will advance the existing mission of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee and are likely to be awarded a fellowship. Our engagement in this process is robust and supportive, as we want to assist applicants in putting forward a strong proposal.

Interested candidates should send their materials to jjusticz@clccrul.org as soon as possible and before July 15, 2023. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis. Please include in the subject line: Fellowship Opportunities. For more information and to discuss project proposals, please contact Julie Justicz, jjusticz@clccrul.org

Our Commitment to Diversity

Chicago Lawyers' Committee is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages students of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ people, and people from other historically disenfranchised communities.