

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

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The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications from candidates interested in pursuing a Skadden or Equal Justice Works fellowship beginning Fall 2008. The Lawyers Committee works in the areas of race, immigration and poverty, with a special commitment to the African-American community.

We solicit your ideas for any potential projects that are consistent with the work and overall mission of the Lawyers' Committee. We are particularly interested in projects that focus on the following areas: education (including race discrimination and student disciplinary issues), homelessness, redevelopment in the Bayview neighborhood in SF, health access for the uninsured and drug/alcohol treatment for youth, racial steering in housing, and most any issue related to race discrimination. Indeed, any project that falls within one of our three priority areas (race, immigration, and poverty) will be considered. It is important that potential fellows propose projects that they are interested in and committed to. The project should build upon existing LCCR advocacy efforts, to maximize the possibility that some aspect of the work could be sustained after the completion of the fellowship.

We are also particularly interested in projects that address the needs of the African-American community, as either the focus of the project or as a component of a broader project. For example, an education project might combat the overuse of school disciplinary measures for African-American students, or a project that involved welfare-to-work requirements might include a component that examined the impact on the African-American community.

Examples of past successful project areas include: the rights of low-income youth to quality education, the rights of young women recently released from juvenile detention, post-9/11 discrimination issues and the rights of public benefits recipients participating in Aworkfare@ programs. Currently, we are sponsoring two fellowships involving the rights of homeless persons and the rights of students to decent textbooks, teachers and physical facilities.

We do not expect detailed, polished proposals but rather are interested in seeing the broad contours of an innovative project that advances civil rights. If you're interested in pursuing such a fellowship with us, please submit by June 22, 2007 a resume, writing sample, 3 references and a two-page cover letter outlining a proposed project. Please direct the application to Silvia Contreras at scontreras@lccr.com. Thank you.

The Lawyers' Committee is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. People of color, lesbians and gay men, women, persons with disabilities and people over 55 are encouraged to apply.