



Youth Law Center Seeks Fellow for Juvenile Justice Education Project

Fellowship Description

Youth Law Center (YLC) is seeking applications from third-year law students and judicial clerks who are interested in working on juvenile justice and child welfare advocacy issues and in applying for fellowships offered by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works Foundation, or other sponsored fellowships. For a fellowship to begin in September 2017, YLC seeks candidates who are self-starters and have a particular interest in a project focused on improving educational opportunities and outcomes for youth in the juvenile justice system.

YLC is a nonprofit legal advocacy organization that works to protect children in the nation's foster care and justice systems from abuse and neglect, and to ensure that they receive the necessary support and services to become healthy and productive adults. Since 1978, our lawyers have worked across the United States to reduce the use of out-of-home care and incarceration; ensure safe, humane, and developmentally appropriate conditions in out-of-home placements; keep children out of adult jails; and secure equitable treatment for children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Our efforts have focused on strengthening families, and we advocate for education, medical and mental health, legal support, and transition services needed to assure children's success in care and in the community. We fight for increased accountability of the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and champion professional and public education.

In recent years, YLC has sponsored successful recipients of Equal Justice Works, Skadden, and law-school sponsored Fellowships. Our staff will work closely with the selected candidate to develop a strong proposal that will integrate well with YLC's mission and related areas of focus.

Qualifications

Factors that will be utilized in evaluating candidates include:

- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law;
- Knowledge of, experience or strong interest in child welfare and/or juvenile justice issues;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Strong analytic ability and legal research skills;
- Ability to work independently yet also work well with others; and
- Anticipated or current California Bar membership preferred.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but preference for applications received by June 24, 2016. Interested persons should submit the following materials:

- (1) cover letter detailing the student's interest in YLC and the project,
- (2) resume,
- (3) law school transcript,
- (4) list of three references, and
- (5) writing sample.

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