

Poverty Justice Solutions Fellow Tenants' Rights Law Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center

The Community Development Project (CDP) at the Urban Justice Center seeks applicants for the position of law graduate/staff attorney focusing on litigation and advocacy on behalf of low-income tenants connected to organizing campaigns.

The law graduate will be responsible for provide:

- Litigate administrative cases at government agencies like the New York City Commission of Human Rights, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR).
- Participate in legislative advocacy by drafting legislation and representing CDP in meetings with lawmakers and stakeholders.
- Represent tenants in the area of landlord-tenant law under a student practice order until admitted to the bar. This includes affirmative litigation (*e.g.*, HP actions, rent strikes, and 7A proceedings) on behalf of tenant associations, as well as some individual anti-eviction litigation.
- Staff multiple legal clinics and provide brief consultations to tenants.
- Create educational materials and conduct various know-your-right's trainings to community organizers and tenants across the city.

Desired Qualifications:

Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in civil legal services, particularly in the area of landlord-tenant law. The successful candidate will have strong writing and analytical skills, relevant background and experience, and a demonstrated ability to work with diverse populations. A second language – especially Spanish, East Asian, or South Asian languages – is strongly preferred.

About the Community Development Project:

The Community Development Project (CDP) at the Urban Justice Center CDP provides legal, participatory research and policy support to strengthen the work of grassroots and community-based groups in New York City to dismantle racial, economic and social oppression. CDP employs a unique model of partnership with grassroots and community-based groups. Our partners take the lead in determining the priorities and goals for our work, and advance our understanding of justice. Applicants are encouraged to learn more about the CDP's work by looking at our website: http://cdp.urbanjustice.org/

The Community Development Project is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from people with diverse backgrounds, including women, people of color, immigrants, persons with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals.

This is a bargaining unit position represented for collective bargaining purposes by the National Organization of Legal Services Workers, UAW, Local 2230.

Application Instructions:

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter by e-mail to <u>cdpjobs@urbanjustice.org</u>, Attn: Sadia Rahman. The subject line of the email must include: "Poverty Justice Solutions Fellow." Applications must be received by 5-10-2017 and will be considered on a rolling basis.