



HOUSING JUSTICE POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Position Type: Legal Fellowships
Commitment: Full-time, two-year fellowships starting in Fall 2021
Experience: Entry Level (0-3 years)
Practice Areas: Homelessness Prevention, Landlord/Tenant, Eviction Defense, Citation Clearing, Public Benefits, Income Maximization

Organizational Background: Inner City Law Center (ICLC) is a non-profit, poverty law firm headquartered in Los Angeles' Skid Row neighborhood. ICLC has been serving the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in Los Angeles County since its inception in a Skid Row soup kitchen in 1980. Founded on the basic principle that every human being should always be treated with dignity and respect, ICLC's staff of 100 attorneys, paralegals, tenant organizers, and other professionals provides free legal representation to thousands of homeless and working poor clients.

The Issue: Homelessness and housing instability in Los Angeles County have reached unimaginable proportions. The reasons behind this problem are plenty and range from economic inequalities and a failure of incomes to keep up with rising costs of living, to systemic racism. As a result, more and more Angelenos are facing unlawful evictions at the hands of unscrupulous landlords, ending up in tent cities that are spreading across every corner of the County, being forced to live in unsanitary and hazardous conditions, struggling financially, lacking vital benefits, and living the consequences of racial injustices. Now, the global pandemic not only highlights the legal issues facing vulnerable Angelenos, but disproportionately impacts them.

Fellowship Project: ICLC invites current 3Ls and recent law school graduates to join our fight to end homelessness by applying for a Housing Justice Fellowship. Fellows will engage in fast-paced litigation and/or administrative law work; handle a wide-array of legal matters including eviction, habitability, ticket clearing, immigration, public benefits, and financial rights cases; work directly with clients and opposing counsel; handle all stages of cases from pleadings to discovery, motions, hearings, settlement, administrative hearings, and trial; participate in conversations surrounding housing policy in the County; and work with private law firms providing pro bono representation to ICLC's clients. Through their work, Fellows will help create safe and affordable housing for all Angelenos.

Qualifications:

- California Bar Membership or plans to take the bar exam in 2021,
- Strong writing, research, and analytical skills,
- Bright, good judgment, and works well with clients and team members,
- Self-motivated, organized, and detail-oriented, and
- Demonstrated commitment to tenants' rights, social justice, or public interest law.
- *Prior experience with housing and public benefits work is preferred but not required.*

Application Instructions: Interested individuals should send a cover letter, resume, transcript, three references, and writing sample to Vidhya Rangunathan, Director of Pro Bono at ICLC (vrangunathan@innercitylaw.org). Subject line: Housing Justice Fellowship. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

ICLC is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to their race, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, age, disability, marital status, or medical condition. All qualified applicants with criminal histories shall be considered in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring.