SABA-SC Social Justice Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

On any given night in Los Angeles County, more than 69,000 people experience homelessness. Black and brown Angelenos are four times more likely to end up on the streets and more than 75% of those currently living on the streets of Los Angeles are people of color. The South Asian Bar Association of Southern California (SABA-SC) recognizes that the best way to end homelessness is to prevent it in the first place, and for those experiencing housing instability, legal services are vital to getting them on the path to a safe and stable life.

For the second year in a row, SABA-SC is sponsoring a legal fellowship aimed at addressing the County’s homelessness crisis and its impact on communities of color. The fellow will work full-time with Inner City Law Center for 10 weeks between May and August 2023, and focus on issues impacting individuals and families of color experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The fellow will assist with a variety of cases, including evictions, benefits, immigration, and/or citation clearing, and will:

- Assist with intake,
- Conduct legal research,
- Review and analyze client files,
- Draft pleadings, discovery, and motions,
- Help prepare for mediations and trials, and/or
- Observe courtroom proceedings.

The fellowship is open to 2024 and 2025 law school graduates who are interested in future involvement with SABA-SC. The Fellow will receive a stipend of up to $5,000 from SABA-SC.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Vidhya Ragunathan (vragunathan@innercitylaw.org) January 23, 2023 with the subject line “SABA-SC Social Justice Fellowship.”

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The South Asian Bar Association of Southern California (SABA-SC) is one of the oldest and largest South Asian bar associations in the country. SABA-SC is dedicated to the professional development of South Asian lawyers and students and seeks to support its community through education about legal issues and support for meaningful public interest work.

INNER CITY LAW CENTER

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 ensure that every Angelino has access to safe and affordable housing. For more information on ICLC and its work, visit www.innercitylaw.org.