



THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATIONS
The Southern California Affiliate of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

CALL FOR SKADDEN, EJW, AND OTHER FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law (OUL) Project is seeking to host law students or recent graduates for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, school-based, or other fellowships to begin in fall 2023. Located in Los Angeles, California, Public Counsel is the largest pro bono public interest law firm in the country. OUL is Public Counsel's impact litigation project. It works with communities to combat economic injustice in all its forms, in California and across the country.

OUL works in areas including educational equity, racial equity, economic rights, immigrant rights, child welfare, and challenging the criminalization of poverty. Some of OUL's recent litigation accomplishments are described below.

Educational Equity:

Smith v. Regents of the University of California was a first-of-its-kind lawsuit that alleged that University of California's use of SAT and ACT scores violated the California Constitution and State antidiscrimination statutes. In summer 2020, the court entered a preliminary injunction requiring the UC system to immediately stop using the SAT/ACT for admissions and scholarship determinations. After UC unsuccessfully attempted to stay the injunction, the parties settled the case in spring 2021, preventing UC from reverting to use of the tests. The preliminary injunction and settlement have resulted in historic gains in the numbers of Black and Latinx students applying to UC campuses.

Stephen C. v. Bureau of Indian Education is a lawsuit challenging the federal government's failure to provide Native American students with even the most basic educational resources, including core academic classes, mental health support, and special education services. In 2021, the Ninth Circuit held for the first time that Native American students can sue the federal government under the Administrative Procedure Act for failure to provide the basic education required by law.

Immigrant Rights:

Ms. JP v. Sessions is another first-of-its-kind lawsuit that in 2019 secured a preliminary injunction requiring the federal government to provide mental health screenings and treatment to thousands of immigrant families who were traumatized by the Trump Administration's family separation policy.

If you are interested in pursuing a fellowship with OUL, please send a cover letter (with, if applicable, a brief description of your proposed project), resume, list of references, and writing sample (no more than ten pages) to Rocio Garcia at rgarcia@publiccounsel.org. **Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2022 for Skadden fellowships and by June 15, 2022 for Equal Justice Works fellowships.** Applications for all other fellowships, including school-based fellowships, will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Any questions may be emailed to Rocio Garcia.