

Advancing Justice Legal Fellowship

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta is proud to announce its inaugural Advancing Justice Legal Fellowship. The fellowship is geared toward a 2017 law school graduate or an outgoing judicial law clerk who wants to work in the public interest arena. The fellow will be hosted at Advancing Justice – Atlanta and funded by the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA).

About Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta:

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta is the first legal and policy advocacy center dedicated to defending democracy for Asian Americans, immigrants and refugees in Georgia and the Southeast. Founded in 2010, Advancing Justice – Atlanta serves thousands of vulnerable and underserved people through its four core program areas of civic engagement, direct legal services, policy advocacy, and leadership development. Advancing Justice – Atlanta is one of five independent civil rights organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation.

About GAPABA:

The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA), formerly known as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Georgia Chapter (NAPABA-GA), was founded in 1993 by a handful of core members who strove to establish a Georgia support network for Asian Pacific American attorneys and those interested in Asian American legal issues. Part of GAPABA's core mission is to broaden professional opportunities for Asian Pacific American lawyers and law students, and to support the entrance and advancement of Asian Pacific Americans within the legal profession.

About the Fellowship

The fellow, hosted by Advancing Justice – Atlanta, will work with Advancing Justice – Atlanta and the broader Advancing Justice affiliation to provide direct services to the community and look for impact litigation opportunities.

Applicants are expected to design a new project focusing on the needs of Georgia's Asian American community, in the context of immigration, voting rights, and/or employment law.

Qualifications:

- Must commit to one full year starting August 2017
- Must be a 2017 law school graduate, a recent graduate with no more than 2 years of experience, or an outgoing judicial law clerk
- Proficiency in an Asian language (Vietnamese, Korean, Urdu/Hindi, Mandarin, Arabic, Farsi) is preferred but not required.
- Selection will be based on a variety of factors, including the applicant's academic and professional qualifications, a demonstrated commitment to the public interest, especially issues relevant to AAPI communities and the New South, and past experience in one of Advancing Justice - Atlanta's core program areas.

Application instructions:

- A one-page cover letter addressing the reason you are applying to the fellowship and how your past activities, volunteer work, personal life, and/or internships demonstrate your interest in public interest law, specifically as it relates to the AAPI community or to the project proposal you are submitting;
- Resume, not to exceed one page;
- A legal writing sample not to exceed 5 pages;
- A list of three professional or academic references; and
- A project proposal, not to exceed three 8.5X11 pages.
 - Please follow the following format for the proposal: 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced, standard margins (1 inch all around). Please make sure that your name and the page number appear in the footer of each page at the lower right hand corner, except the first page.
 - There is no other template for the proposal. Be creative!
- Please submit all application materials as one pdf file to jobs@advancingjustice-atlanta.org. **No phone calls please.**

Timeline:

The Advisory Committee will begin reviewing applications on April 1 and will select a final pool of finalists by April 30, 2017. The Committee will schedule interviews for the month of May and make a final decision by June 1st, 2017.

The Legal Fellow will start in August 2017 and work one full year to July 2018. The fellow will receive a stipend of \$40,000 and a generous benefits package including medical, dental, and vision insurance.