

2018 Schulte Roth & Zabel Academic Year Fellowship Community Lawyering in New York City

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), a non-profit civil rights law firm, is accepting applications for a distinguished fellowship sponsored by Schulte Roth & Zabel. The Fellow will contribute to social justice work at NYLPI during the 2018-2019 school year.

About NYLPI: NYLPI pioneered the practice of community lawyering in the five boroughs of New York City. With every case and every campaign, we continue to elaborate an approach to working with marginalized communities that is ambitious, participatory, and dynamic.

Our legal activism focuses on issues of racial equality, immigrants' rights, and disability rights. In the Health Justice (HJ) program, a community organizer, immigrant health advocate, and a team of attorneys work to bring a racial justice and immigrant rights focus to health care advocacy in New York City and State. We work to: (1) challenge health disparities; (2) eliminate racial and ethnic discrimination and systemic and institutional barriers that limit universal access to health care; (3) promote immigrant and language access to health care; and (4) address the social determinants of health so that all New Yorkers can live a healthy life. In the Environmental Justice (EJ) program, we take on issues of racially disparate environmental harms, such as the overburdening of low-income communities of color with garbage facilities and the presence of toxins in public schools, through organizing, coalition-building, legislative advocacy and litigation. In the Disability Justice program, social workers, advocates, and attorneys work together to defend and promote the civil rights of people with disabilities in transportation, education, health care, municipal services, and other aspects of life in New York City, with a focus on underserved communities and with the goal of opening opportunity to all. Finally, NYLPI's renowned Pro Bono Clearinghouse connects community organizations throughout NYC with pro bono attorneys from the City's best-regarded law firms. The Schulte fellow will be placed in the HJ and the EJ programs and have the opportunity to work closely with individual clients and community groups, facilitate and lead outreach and education, such as Know Your Rights trainings, help develop organizing strategies for client communities, perform legal research and writing related to litigation and legislative advocacy campaigns, and participate in developing strategies to combat systemic problems.

About the Fellowship and the Application Process: NYLPI seeks a highly accomplished, progressive, community-minded law student with excellent legal research and writing skills to advance the goals of our programs. Fluency in a second language, particularly Spanish, strongly preferred.

The Fellow will be required to dedicate a minimum of 15 hours per week for the 2018-2019 school year and will receive a stipend of \$2,000 per semester. The position is open to both 2Ls and 3Ls. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three references with daytime telephone numbers to fellowships@nylpi.org by August 27, 2018.

NYLPI is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and actively recruits people of color, individuals with disabilities, LGBT people, and people who have experienced poverty. We are committed to advancing social equality and civil rights in our advocacy, and we value the dynamism and perspective that staff diversity brings to the work and culture of the office.