

**WE ARE NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL****Postgraduate Fellow, Racial Justice Project**

The Lewis Steel Racial Justice Project Fellowship is a one-year, full-time, and paid position with the Racial Justice Project (RJP), part of the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law at New York Law School (NYLS). RJP is a legal advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the constitutional and civil rights of people who have been denied those rights on the basis of race and to increasing public awareness of racism and racial injustice in the areas of education, employment, political participation, economic inequality and criminal justice. RJP's work includes litigation, appellate advocacy, legislative advocacy, and public education, and the organization partners with the Fines and Fees Justice Center (FFJC) to promote relevant reform in the criminal justice system, focusing in particular on the intersection of economic inequality and criminal justice. The Fellow will divide their time between RJP and FFJC.

This Fellowship provides an opportunity for a graduating law student in the class of 2023, or a recent graduate completing a clerkship, to engage in racial justice advocacy initiatives and programming in an academic environment; to be mentored by NYLS faculty and staff while gaining in-house experience with a national nonprofit organization; and to pursue a career in civil rights or criminal, social, and economic justice advocacy. The Fellow will be employed by NYLS and be supervised by both the RJP Director and FFJC's Research Director. This position is scheduled to begin in September 2023.

Responsibilities

- Assist in developing, promoting, and carrying out RJP initiatives.
- Engage in civil rights advocacy and education work, including but not limited to litigation; researching and drafting amicus briefs and reports; contributing to responses to proposed regulations; assisting in drafting or in advocating for legislation; and/or conducting know-your-rights workshops.
- Conduct legal and policy research related to criminal and economic justice, analyze national litigation outcomes related to fines and fees, and develop written products to inform advocates and the public about developments in national, state, and local reform efforts. For those who are interested, and where local campaigns permit, there may also be opportunities to engage in direct advocacy efforts in New York City and State.
- Supervise NYLS students on RJP initiatives.
- Assist in planning and coordinating racial justice-themed events for NYLS students and for members of the public.
- Represent RJP at meetings or events at other law schools and at conferences.
- Other projects as assigned by the RJP Director, the administrators of the Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law, or the FFJC.

Requirements

- J.D. required. The Fellowship is awarded only to law students in the graduating class of 2023 or recent graduates completing clerkships.
- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to racial justice through academic, professional, volunteer, or lived experiences.
- Ability to work both independently and under direct supervision while managing multiple projects at one time.
- Interest in the intersections of racial, criminal, and economic justice.

Preferred Qualifications

- A long-term interest in a career in racial justice, criminal justice, or civil rights work.
- Experience with or an interest in policy reform, the legislative process, and/or amicus litigation.
- Experience with public speaking, teaching/training, or event organization.
- Flexibility.

Compensation

This position is a one-year, full time position. Salary range is \$65,000 to \$70,000. NYLS offers a highly competitive benefits package.

How to Apply

Please submit the following to jobs@nyls.edu by **January 6, 2023**:

- Cover letter
- Résumé
- Writing sample
- Three professional and/or academic references

All attached application materials should be PDFs. Please use the subject line of "Postgraduate Fellow – Lewis Steel Fellowship".

About New York Law School

Founded in 1891, New York Law School (NYLS) is an independent law school located in Tribeca, the heart of New York City's legal, government, financial, and emerging tech centers. Known as "New York's law school," NYLS embraces the city as its classroom by complementing a rigorous legal education with an innovative and diverse set of "uniquely New York" experiential learning opportunities. Since opening its doors, NYLS has produced graduates who have gone on to hold high elected and appointed office in the city, lead large and small firms, and gain broad recognition as captains of business and industry. Its renowned faculty of prolific scholars has built the School's strength in key areas of the law, including business and financial services, intellectual property and privacy, and government and public interest law. NYLS has more than 18,000 graduates and currently enrolls around 1,100 students in its full-time and part-time J.D. programs. The School also offers an advanced-degree program in Tax Law.

About the Fines and Fees Justice Center

The Fines & Fees Justice Center (FFJC) is a national center for advocacy, policy, information, and collaboration on effective solutions to the unjust and harmful imposition and enforcement of fines and fees in the criminal legal system. FFJC's mission is to end abusive collection practices, eliminate fees in the criminal legal justice system, and make fines proportional to the offense and the individual. FFJC works with impacted communities, advocates, and justice system stakeholders to create an equitably funded justice system that treats individuals fairly and ensures public safety.

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