



**Position Type:** Post-Graduate Legal Fellowship

**Commitment:** Full Time, 1-2 Years

**Practice Areas:** Affirmative Housing Litigation

**Inner City Law Center:**

Inner City Law Center (ICLC) is a non-profit legal services organization headquartered on Skid Row in Los Angeles. ICLC has been serving the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in Los Angeles County since 1980. Founded on the basic principle that every human being should be treated with dignity and respect at all times, ICLC's staff of nearly 100 attorneys, advocates, tenant organizers, and other professionals, provides free legal representation and social service advocacy to thousands of homeless and working poor clients each year. ICLC fights for housing for low-income tenants, working poor families, veterans, people living with HIV/AIDS, immigrants, and people who are living with disabilities or experiencing homelessness.

**Fellowship Project:**

ICLC invites rising 3Ls or recent graduates to apply for fellowships through Equal Justice Works, Skadden, Soros Justice Fellowship Program, and/or similar programs with ICLC as the host organization. ICLC is looking for students interested in representing elderly Angelenos living in deplorable housing units in litigation against slumlords, analyzing remedies and tools available to aging communities who lack access to safe and healthy housing, and developing new systems and procedures to provide more holistic legal services for older clients. Now more than ever, ICLC's affirmative housing litigation has the ability to make a tremendous impact on homelessness in Los Angeles County and the ability to shelter in place by ensuring that vulnerable seniors stay housed in homes that are safe and healthy.

**Qualifications:**

- Must graduate from law school and take the CA bar exam prior to starting the fellowship,
- Have strong writing, research, and analytical skills,
- Be bright, passionate, and a hardworking team player,
- Have an interest and commitment to litigation,
- Be self-motivated and able to manage a variety of tasks, and
- Show a commitment to tenants' rights, social justice, and public interest law.
- *Spanish language skills preferred, but not required.*

### **Competitive Applications:**

Factors that will be utilized in evaluating candidates for sponsorship include:

- Potential for fellowship funding,
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law,
- Knowledge of, or strong interest in, the relevant issues presented in the fellowship proposal,
- Connection to, familiarity with, or experience working on social justice issues with low-income, diverse, and LEP communities,
- Fluency in Spanish,
- Oral advocacy, writing, and legal research skills, and
- Anticipated or current California Bar membership.

### **Application Instructions:**

Individuals interested in receiving ICLC sponsorship for their fellowship application should send a cover letter, resume, transcript, three references, and writing sample to Vidhya Ragunathan, ICLC's Director of Pro Bono, at [vragunathan@innercitylaw.org](mailto:vragunathan@innercitylaw.org). **Subject line: ICLC-Sponsored Fellowship.** ICLC will work closely with selected candidates to fully develop the fellowship proposal. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until July 31.