



Fellowship for Deferred Law Firm Associate

Law Students for Reproductive Justice seeks applications from deferred attorneys and law school graduates to work as an Attorney Fellow or Legal Fellow at our national office in California.

ORGANIZATION

LSRJ is a national network of law students, professors, and lawyers dedicated to ensuring the future of reproductive justice by educating, organizing, and supporting law students on over 75 campuses throughout the United States and Canada. Mentoring and mobilizing a diverse group of law students is an essential long-term strategy for building additional capacity, vision, and leadership in the reproductive justice movement. And, LSRJ is the only student-centered organization training the next generation of legal experts how to protect and expand reproductive rights as basic civil and human rights. Find out more at www.LSRJ.org.

ENVIRONMENT

The Fellow will work closely with LSRJ's three other staff members and play a central role in the effective functioning and overall success of the organization. We offer a rewarding position with opportunities for professional growth in a supportive atmosphere— ideal preparation for anyone interested in someday founding or serving a nonprofit as staff, counsel, or board member. LSRJ's Fellow will play an integral role in helping to train thousands of law students and ensure the future of reproductive justice for all people – irrespective of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, income, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation – in the US and abroad.

RESPONSIBILITIES

LSRJ fills in the gaps left by formal legal education through innovative programs in four core areas: curriculum, campus activism, community building, and professional training. The Fellow's work will reach all four areas with a strong concentration on curriculum. As a focal point, the Fellow will contribute research and writing to LSRJ educational materials, such as the Reproductive Rights and Justice Reader (forthcoming), Constitutional Law Primer, Human Rights Law Primer (forthcoming), fact sheets, and papers. S/he will also support student-led campaigns for new courses and reading groups in reproductive rights and facilitate student scholarship by developing LSRJ's Resource Guide and coordinating a Writing Prize, which LSRJ will present in partnership with the Center for Reproductive Rights. The Fellow may assist the Program Director with major events and campaigns. Additional projects may include:

- Coordinating a large-scale research project among LSRJ members and alumni;
- Translating original research into peer education materials for law students;
- Assisting with academic symposia; or
- Crafting CLE programs for LSRJ to offer its alumni and allies.

QUALIFICATIONS

Necessary:

- J.D. by September 2009
- Familiarity with reproductive rights law and policy
- Superior written and oral communication skills
- Outstanding abilities to organize, prioritize, and multitask with impeccable attention to detail
- Self-motivation, professionalism, personal balance, enthusiasm, and a sense of humor
- Commitment of at least three consecutive months (one year preferred)



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Desirable:

- Demonstrable interest/involvement in reproductive health/rights/justice, gender equity, LGBTQ liberation, and/or other social justice issues
- Involvement with LSRJ as a member and alumna/-us
- Coursework in reproductive rights and related subjects
- Experience as instructor or T.A.
- Service with a nonprofit organization(s) as staff, intern, or volunteer
- Willingness to travel

COMPENSATION

- Salary/stipend and benefits package determined by sponsoring law firm.
- If sponsoring firm will not provide benefits, LSRJ may provide the Fellow with its generous benefits package, which includes: comprehensive medical and dental insurance coverage, as well as up to 3 weeks paid vacation, 2 weeks paid sick leave, and 2 weeks paid compensatory time (on a pro-rata basis).

APPLICATION

We invite applications from attorneys and law school graduates who meet the necessary qualifications and whose firms will sponsor them to work at LSRJ. Interested parties are asked email the following documents as separate attachments to info@lsrj.org:

- résumé;
 - transcript (official or unofficial);
 - writing sample from published or unpublished academic work, rather than legal memorandum or brief (10-page limit);
 - list of three legal references (professor or employer) with current contact information; and
 - letter of interest, answering the following questions (4-page limit with 1-2 paragraphs/question):
1. Why do you want to work at LSRJ? What do you hope to gain from the experience?
 2. How can you add to the diversity and strength of LSRJ's staff?
 3. What role do you think LSRJ plays or should play in legal education?
 4. What employment, educational, and/or extracurricular learning experiences have you had that would serve you as Fellow?
 5. LSRJ is dedicated to a reproductive justice framework that centralizes issues of access and equity for marginalized group, such as immigrants, people of color, people who identify as LGBTQI, minors, and people who are alternately-abled. What experience, if any, do you have working with marginalized populations? What have you learned from these experiences?

LSRJ is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a diverse, multicultural work environment. People of color, people with disabilities, and those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer are strongly encouraged to apply.



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