



Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Opportunity

About Our Fellowship Program

In 2003, an evaluation of the Martin Luther King Jr., Summer Internship Program revealed that, while the internship experience had been a very positive one for Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Inc. (PLAN) interns, clients and programs, the goal to enhance cultural and ethnic diversity within the programs was not being realized.

In response, PLAN Inc. created the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Program** in 2004. In partnership with a sponsoring regional or specialty program, law school graduates and attorneys who are new to practice are hired as full time staff attorneys for a two-year fellowship. **Please note this position is a guaranteed one-year fellowship opportunity with the possibility of renewal for a second year.**

Fellows are assigned mentors and supervised by experienced attorneys. Salary and benefits are determined by the host program. In addition, loan repayment assistance (Ira), up to \$5,500, is available per fellowship year. Fellows are required to apply for Ira through the PA Bar Foundation IOLTA Loan Repayment Program, their law school, and/or the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) in order to receive PLAN Inc. Ira. The 2017-18 PA Bar Foundation IOLTA Program application is expected to open in early September 2017. The fellowship is intended to support and promote new lawyers who are interested in long term public interest careers.

Fellowship Opportunity

Program:

The Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP)
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Anticipated Start Date:

On or about July 1, 2017

Description:

PULP is the designated state-wide utility advocacy project of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. On behalf of its low-income clients, PULP regularly participates in legislative and administrative proceedings affecting low-income utility consumers, and provides co-counsel, support, training, and technical assistance in utility and energy matters to locally based legal aid programs, community groups, and non-profit agencies. Most of PULP's work is on behalf of group clients, but PULP does represent individual clients on a limited basis pursuant to special grants. PULP is administered by Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) and regularly collaborates with RHLS and others on projects which seek to expand access to affordable shelter and its component parts such as affordable utility services and weatherization.

Requirements:

PULP is seeking an attorney who desires to make a significant contribution to the well-being of low-income households. The successful candidate should have a demonstrated commitment to providing quality legal services to low-income individuals and the ability to develop and work on projects which seek to advance utility affordability and housing sustainability for lower income persons/communities. Prior legal aid/low-income advocacy experience is preferred. Prior experience with utility and housing law and/or advocacy before administrative agencies is also preferred, but not essential. Applicants must be licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania or sitting for the July 2017 Pennsylvania Bar Exam.

Salary/Benefits:

Salary depends on experience. Estimated starting salary is \$45,000 without a Pennsylvania bar license, which would increase upon bar passage. Range for attorneys with 1-2 years' experience is \$56,000-\$58,000. An excellent benefits package is provided.



To apply for this fellowship, please forward a cover letter, resume, three professional references (must identify relationship with reference), official law school transcript and a writing sample to:

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PULP/RHLS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. People of color, persons who are bi-cultural, bi-lingual, women, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

For more information: <http://www.palegalaid.net/martin-luther-king-jr-program>