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*Fellowship Candidates Sought For Litigation or Direct Services in Los Angeles*

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), a member of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, seeks law students and recent law graduates to apply for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, and other public interest fellowships. APALC is seeking applicants who are interested in projects focused on Direct Services or Impact Litigation.

Impact Litigation

APALC seeks applicants for its civil rights litigation team. The Fellow will represent individuals in federal and state court, and engage in advocacy, outreach, client empowerment and organizing, and coalition-building related to such cases.

Potential areas of focus within litigation include:

- Low-wage immigrant workers' rights;
- Consumer rights;
- Housing rights.

Candidates are also invited to propose their own project ideas.

Direct Services

APALC seeks applicants for its direct services team. The Fellow will provide direct legal services in poverty law areas, such as family law and domestic violence, immigration, or housing, to APALC's target population of limited English proficient, low-income, API immigrants. APALC is especially interested in projects that combine direct services with policy advocacy.

Qualifications

Candidates should be third-year law students or judicial clerks with a strong and demonstrated commitment to public interest law, social, economic, and racial justice and community empowerment. In addition, language ability in an Asian language and/or Spanish is preferred.

Organization Background

APALC is the largest Asian and Pacific Islander civil rights organization in the country, and engages in direct legal services, policy advocacy, community education and outreach, and impact litigation for and on behalf of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California. APALC is affiliated with the Asian American Justice Center in Washington, D.C., the Asian American Institute in Chicago, and the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco.

APALC's litigation efforts have included the successful representation in federal litigation of 80 Thai garment workers enslaved in El Monte, California against the manufacturers and retailers for whom they sewed; representation of African American, Latino and Pilipino applicants to UC Berkeley for discrimination in admissions; representation of Asian American, African American and Latino employees of Abercrombie & Fitch for discrimination in hiring and promotions; and representation of monolingual

customers of businesses who were defrauded in the purchase of goods and services and low-income tenants in uninhabitable living conditions.

As a direct legal services provider, APALC serves the diverse API communities with intake, legal counseling, education, and representation in poverty law areas such as family law and domestic violence, consumer rights, immigration, and housing. Through its staff and volunteers, it has the capacity to facilitate numerous languages including Korean, Japanese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Khmer, Indonesian, and Vietnamese, along with English and Spanish. APALC is the only legal service provider in Los Angeles County that maintains this type of language capacity, and thus is an important resource for indigent monolingual or limited English speaking APIs who are in need of legal assistance

### Application Process

**Applications must be received by August 9, 2010.** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis after the deadline. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing the candidate's interests and relevant experience, a resume, and a proposal that outlines the proposed project activities and goals (max. 1,000 words). No phone inquiries please. Two letters of recommendation are preferred but not required.

Applications may be sent to:

[fellowship@apalc.org](mailto:fellowship@apalc.org)

or

Human Resources  
Attn: Fellowships  
Asian Pacific American Legal Center  
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Los Angeles, CA 90017

APALC is an equal opportunity employer. People of color and LGBT candidates are encouraged to apply.