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The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications from candidates interested in pursuing a Skadden or Equal Justice Works fellowship beginning Fall 2010. The Lawyers' Committee works in the areas of race, immigration and poverty, with a special commitment to the African-American community.

With regard to the three potential projects described below, please tell us (in your cover letter) why you would be the ideal candidate to direct any one of the projects. And feel free to expound on how you might implement the project consistent with the broad contours set out below.

African-American Agenda

This project would provide direct services and policy advocacy on behalf of formerly incarcerated individuals seeking to re-enter society. In particular, we seek a candidate that is interested in dismantling the employment and housing barriers that often confront individuals with criminal convictions in the Bay Area. During the first year of the project, these efforts would include expungement clinics, "Know Your Rights" trainings, coalition building and policy advocacy. During the second year, the fellow would be engaged in impact litigation as well as policy advocacy.

A second project would focus on the housing rights of African-Americans displaced by gentrification or redevelopment. The fellowship would assist displaced African-American residents return to San Francisco and prevent the further out-migration of African-American families through impact litigation, policy advocacy, and direct services. Key strategies might include litigation and advocacy regarding the right-to-return for displaced families issued housing preference certificates as well as efforts to prevent predatory lending and other fraudulent housing schemes targeting African-American residents.

Homeless Rights Project

This project would build on LCCR's longstanding homeless advocacy work by focusing on one of 2 possible subsets of the homeless population that is particularly under-served. First, the applicant may propose a project that would target outreach and advocacy to the African-American community, to reach those often overlooked in service provision. Alternatively, the applicant may propose a project that would target outreach and advocacy to another traditionally under-served population: LGBT youth who are homeless. For either project, the focus for the first year would be on direct legal advocacy (e.g., removing impediments to accessing housing and other public benefits, including defense of citations for infractions such as sleeping in public, and conducting know-your-rights campaigns). In the second year, the fellow would engage in increased policy advocacy and potentially impact litigation, as he/she identifies key barriers to exiting homelessness.

If you're interested in pursuing a fellowship in any of the above three areas, please submit by July 20, 2009 a cover letter (maximum 2 pages), a resume, writing sample, and 3 references to Silvia Contreras at scontreras@lccr.com. Thank you.

The Lawyers' Committee is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. People of color, lesbians and gay men, women, persons with disabilities and people over 55 are encouraged to apply.

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