

LEGAL FELLOWSHIP SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (2022)

Communities Resist (“CoRe”) announces the opportunity to apply for sponsorship for post-graduate legal fellowships starting in the fall of 2022 (fellowship applications due fall of 2021).

CoRe is seeking third-year law students and recent law graduates currently in clerkships or with clerkships beginning in the fall of 2021 to sponsor for public interest law fellowships offered by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works, and other similar programs. We are looking for fellowship applicants interested in providing legal services in our areas of work, described below.

CoRe is a legal services organization for housing and community justice steeped in the 50-year tradition of community lawyering in North and East Brooklyn. In these communities, we have spent years working together with neighborhood organizations and organizers in representing hundreds of tenants and tenant associations. We join our clients in the struggle to organize, assert their rights and protect their homes, and we work to ensure that their voices are centered in the decisions that impact their lives and neighborhoods.

The prospective fellow should consider a project working in collaboration with this extraordinary coalition of neighborhood organizations and their tenant and community organizers. The project should aim to preserve and expand access to affordable housing for lower income residents in the face of rapid gentrification and tenant displacement throughout their neighborhoods. A prospective project may involve any of the following:

- Representing tenant associations confronting landlord harassment and/or poor housing conditions;
- Representing individuals and families facing eviction;
- Working with low-income tenant co-ops;
- Assisting community institutions facing closures or adverse actions due to extraordinary market pressures and neighborhood displacement;
- Fair housing litigation, involving source of income discrimination, disability discrimination, race discrimination, and other forms of unlawful housing

discrimination.

- Legal work aimed at serving community groups involved in struggles against pervasive housing discrimination, neighborhood segregation, and other issues critically affecting the future of their communities.
- Legal work aimed at addressing the collateral consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic through the lenses of housing, community, and racial justice.

A project should involve representing groups and individuals experiencing harassment, discrimination and/or displacement in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- J.D. or expected to receive a J.D by the spring of 2022.
- Experience, including internships, working in housing court, or other relevant public interest work.
- Cultural competence demonstrated through either personal or professional experience working with the communities CoRe serves.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with clients and organizers from diverse backgrounds.
- Excellent legal writing, litigation and advocacy skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Effective communication skills, including the ability to work with people in crisis.
- Professional proficiency in a language other than English is a major plus.

CoRe is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, victim of domestic violence status or marital status. Salary will be commensurate with experience to the extent permitted by the fellowship program(s) in question; excellent health and other benefits will be provided.

To apply, forward a cover letter with your resume to:

Lina Lee, Executive Director
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Put 'Fellowship Application' in the subject line. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis through July 31, 2021.