

BAY AREA LATINO LAWYERS FUND

P.O. Box 192241, San Francisco, CA 94119

To: Bay Area Law Schools
Office of Career Services
Community Organizations

From: Franchesca C. Herrera, Scholarship and Fellowship Committee Chair

Re: The San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Public Interest Law
Fellowship Application for Summer 2012

Please provide copies of the enclosed application and the following guidelines to interested students.

Our SFLRLA Public Interest Law Fellowship is designed to provide financial assistance to law students with significant financial need, who are working with Bay Area community-based legal service providers to enhance the delivery of legal services to the Latino community. Fellowships will be awarded in areas where there is a substantial Latino population in need of legal services. Priority will be given to fellowship applicants whose projects meet at least one of the following objectives:

- a. Projects to develop or expand legal services in the areas of housing, education, employment, discrimination, immigration and naturalization.
- b. Projects that develop materials and training to educate the Latino community about its legal rights and to facilitate its access to the justice system and the courts.
- c. Projects that provide training, referral, recruitment and mentoring to law students.

Other creative projects consistent with although not specifically identified within these guidelines will be considered.

AWARD

Between four and six fellowships will be awarded to law students to fund summer employment in 2012. The amount of each fellowship will vary depending on the grant funding available and on the individual's financial need, up to \$5,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Law students should submit the enclosed application form, a current resume and any letters of recommendation. There will be two funding rounds in 2012. Students are encouraged to apply early.

ROUND 1: If sent by U.S. Mail, applications must be postmarked by **February 20, 2012**. Applications sent via e-mail must be received no later than **February 20, 2012**. Fellowship winners will be presented at San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association's Annual Noche de Gala in San Francisco on **March 8, 2012**.

ROUND 2: Applications must be **postmarked or received by e-mail no later than April 4, 2012**.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Sigrid Irias at sigrid.iriass@sedgwicklaw.com or (415)627-1488 / (415)341-3710, or contact Franchesca Herrera at franchesca@gmail.com or (415) 902-0968.

**THE SAN FRANCISCO LA RAZA LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
2012 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Name _____
Address _____
E-mail: _____ Telephone () _____
Law School _____
2. Community-based legal services provider where you plan to work:

Address _____
Telephone () _____ Email (if available) _____
3. Program Director/Supervisor _____
Telephone () _____ Email (if available) _____
4. Attach a project description, written by you, that includes a description of the legal services to be provided, the anticipated length of your summer employment with the project, the population to be served, and the project objective. The description should not exceed three double-spaced pages.
5. Attach a narrative describing your qualifications and a statement of your financial need.
6. Include a letter of recommendation from the Program Director or the Supervising Attorney of your anticipated summer employer. You may also other, additional letters of recommendation (optional).
7. Include a copy of your current resume.

Attach all application materials to this application and sign and date before submitting.

All statements I have made in this application and supporting materials are true and correct, and the project description and narrative attached for items 4 and 5 of the application were written by me.

Dated: _____, 2012.

Signature

SCHEDULE:

- ROUND 1** Applications **postmarked** by **FEBRUARY 20, 2012** or received by **email FEBRUARY 20, 2012**. Personal Interviews will be conducted beginning the week of **February 27, 2012**. Awardees will be recognized at the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association's Annual Noche de Gala on **March 8, 2012**.
- ROUND 2** Applications emailed or postmarked by **APRIL 4, 2012**. Personal Interviews will be conducted during April and May, 2012. Scholarship Awardees will be recognized at the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association's Annual Scholarship Reception in **JULY 2012**.

Submit to:
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Attn: 2012 SFLRLA Public Interest Law Fellowship
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