

PRLDEF SEEKS TO SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS FOR FALL 2009

About Us:

PRLDEF is one of the foremost Latino civil rights organizations in the country, serving a pan-Latino constituency. Since 1972, we have been bringing precedent-setting impact litigation that has profoundly improved the way Latinos are treated in our society. Our areas of focus include immigrants' rights; voting rights; housing, education, and job discrimination; the treatment of day laborers, and all forms of bias that affect Latinos. Current litigation includes *Milanes v. Chertoff*, a federal class action challenging widespread delays in the naturalization process; and *Aguilar v. ICE*, challenging DHS' coercive immigration home raids. Other recent cases include *Lozano v. City of Hazleton*, in which a federal court enjoined a Pennsylvania town from enacting its own immigration enforcement laws; and *Doe v. Mamaroneck*, where we successfully challenged discriminatory harassment of day laborers by local police. Our primary geographic foci are the Atlantic seaboard states from Maine to Florida, and all areas where Latinos face injustice and discrimination.

Qualifications:

PRLDEF seeks inquiries from law students entering their third year, those beginning a judicial clerkship, and recent graduates who are eligible for fellowships. We are looking for energetic, motivated candidates with a record of commitment to social justice work and excellent legal, written, research, and communications skills. Bilingual Spanish/English is an important plus. We welcome applications that describe a possible project that fits within our mission and also will work with candidates to create winning proposals. Proposals must focus on impact litigation. Direct service projects involving extensive client intake, individual representation, or hotlines will not be considered. Note that both Skadden and Equal Justice Works have specific eligibility criteria. Please refer to their respective websites for further information.

Salary & Benefits:

Salary is based on the fellowship contribution PRLDEF's contract salary scale, which is comparable to that of similar organizations in New York City. Fringe benefits include health, dental, life, and long term and short term disability insurance as well as vacation, sick, family and medical leave.

Contact:

Submit cover letter describing your interest in PRLDEF and any proposals for a fellowship project; resume; writing sample; and three references. **Please e-mail materials no later than July 15, 2008 to: Marisabel_Kanioros@prldef.org.**