



Legal Outreach

Working for Equal Justice in the API Community

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

API Legal Outreach is the largest social justice legal organization serving the Asian and Pacific Islander communities of the Greater Bay Area. Founded in 1975, our mission is to provide culturally competent and linguistically appropriate legal representation to the most marginalized segments of the community including low-income women, seniors, immigrants, and youth. With offices in Oakland and San Francisco, our work is focused in the areas of domestic violence/family law, immigration and immigrant rights, senior law and elder abuse prevention, anti-human trafficking, youth violence prevention, tax, disability rights, housing preservation, and other social justice issues. With a staff of over 30 (including 18 attorneys), we currently provide legal services in more than a dozen different Asian languages and dialects, as well as Spanish.

API Legal Outreach invites project proposals from qualified third-year law students or recent law graduates for Equal Justice Works, Skadden, Borchard, Abascal, Echoing Green, New Voices, Berkeley, Columbia, Harvard, and Stanford Law Foundations, or other fellowships. Suggested projects include but are not limited to:

- Provide leadership development and direct legal services in an underserved API community, such as the Samoan, Mongolian, Thai, Laotian, and Cambodian communities;
- Bolster legal services to trafficked persons particularly in underserved communities;
- Represent LGBTQ individuals in domestic violence cases, and advocate on behalf of LGBTQ communities for marriage equality, and domestic violence awareness;
- Provide immigration services in response to potential immigration reform legislation to an underserved community;
- Develop an elder law program for API LGBTQ individuals;
- Expand our legal services and training for youth in areas of violence against women;
- Provide direct legal services, training, and community education in the areas of stalking and/or sexual assault;
- Develop a program aimed at preserving low and moderate income housing through the assertion of the rights and protections available to tenants and first time homebuyers;
- Implement a know your rights campaign to educate caregivers and domestic workers on their rights;
- Develop a public benefits legal services program for underserved communities;
- Other proposals will be considered if there is a sufficient nexus to our core practice areas.

In previous years, API Legal Outreach has been awarded a Berkeley Law Fellowship to conduct domestic violence outreach in the Vietnamese community through nail salons; a New Voices Fellowship to develop an anti-human trafficking task force and services center; Equal Justice Works fellowships to provide leadership development and legal services in the Lao community and to provide legal services and conduct community education in the Filipino and South Asian communities; a Borchard Fellowship to provide legal services to elders in the Korean and API community, and a Steel Fellowship to establish LGBTQ domestic violence services.

Applicants should fully research fellowship programs, their deadlines, priorities, and application processes. Fellowship applicants will be considered on the bases of the strength of their project proposals, their demonstrated commitment to social justice work and experience in working with low-income API or other underserved communities, and their demonstrated ability to work creatively and independently. For more information, visit www.apilegaloutreach.org.

Application Deadline: August 31, 2016 (but applications will be considered as received on a rolling basis).

To apply to be sponsored/hosted by API Legal Outreach, send a resume with 3 professional references from supervisors at least one from a cbo or non-profit, legal services provider, and two-page project proposal to Fellowship Committee at jobs@apilegaloutreach.org.

API Legal Outreach is an equal opportunity employer committed to affirmative action.