The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship at Public Counsel

Public Counsel and Sullivan & Cromwell are pleased to announce the next application cycle of the recurring two-year salaried fellowship opportunity to work with Public Counsel, open exclusively to Stanford Law School students following graduation.

About Public Counsel
Public Counsel is the nation’s largest not-for-profit law firm specializing in delivering pro bono legal services, working with major law firms and corporations to change people's futures. Its staff of 71 attorneys and 50 support staff—along with more than 5,000 volunteer lawyers, law students and legal professionals—directly assists nearly 30,000 individuals each year and provides services benefiting more than 350,000 underserved people, including thousands of vulnerable children and hundreds of nonprofit organizations, small businesses and micro-entrepreneurs. Founded in 1970, Public Counsel works to achieve three main goals: protecting the legal rights of disadvantaged children; representing unaccompanied minor immigrants, and immigrants who have been the victims of torture, persecution, domestic violence, trafficking and other crimes; and fostering economic justice by providing individuals and institutions in underserved communities with access to quality legal representation.

About Sullivan & Cromwell and Its Commitment to Pro Bono
S&C provides the highest-quality legal advice and representation to clients around the world. Through its network of 12 offices on four continents located in leading financial centers, S&C provides highly integrated legal services to many of the world’s leading companies in their most important domestic and cross-border matters. S&C considers pro bono work to be an important commitment of every lawyer and a tool with which lawyers can supplement and bolster their skills. S&C’s efforts include individual pro bono initiatives and ongoing, long-term “signature projects.” The variety of matters handled and the results the Firm achieves represent expertise across practice groups.

Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder
The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship is a result of the work Sullivan & Cromwell did, in partnership with Public Counsel and others, in the landmark Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder case. Sullivan & Cromwell donated all of the fees it was awarded in the Franco case to its public interest co-counsel.

Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder has resulted in what commentators have noted is the first major expansion of Gideon v. Wainwright. Sullivan & Cromwell, Public Counsel and our co-counsel secured a right to counsel for those suffering from severe mental illnesses in immigration hearings, bond hearings with counsel, and joint motions by the government to reopen immigration cases brought by eligible class members.

The Fellowship
The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship at Public Counsel is a two-year salaried fellowship. The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellow will work as a full time attorney in one of Public Counsel’s practice areas, in accordance with the Fellow’s interest as expressed in the application. For the 2020-2022 term, applicants may apply to work in one or more of the following practice areas: Children’s Rights (including adoptions, guardianship, education rights, transition age youth, or children with disabilities), Community Development (including nonprofit and small business transactional opportunities as well as opportunities in preserving and supporting affordable housing), Homelessness Prevention (including housing, benefits advocacy, and individual rights), Immigration Rights (including work for victims of crime and persecution, and immigrants in detention), Opportunity Under Law (impact litigation, including in the area of education rights), and Women & Girls’ Rights (including employment discrimination and other workplace justice issues). See www.publiccounsel.org for more information about these practice areas.
Applicants are encouraged to contact the Directing Attorneys of the relevant Project for more information.

Eligibility for the 2020 Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship is limited to students who are graduating from Stanford Law School in 2020 and Stanford Law School graduates from the classes of 2019 or 2018 who will complete a clerkship or public interest fellowship in the Fall of 2020. Applicants must plan to take the California bar exam no later than July 2020.

Interested applicants should submit the attached application and supporting materials no later than January 15, 2020.
The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship at Public Counsel
2020-2022 Application Form

Name: ________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________

Stanford Law School Graduation Year: ____________________________

Project Area(s) of Interest at Public Counsel (if interested, you may indicate more than one):

☐ Children’s Rights ☐ Immigrants’ Rights
☐ Community Development ☐ Opportunity Under Law
☐ Homelessness Prevention Law ☐ Women and Girls’ Rights

Attach responses to the following essay questions. Please limit each response to 1,000 words:

1. Which of Public Counsel’s practice areas are you applying to work in, and why?
2. How will this Fellowship further your long-term career goals in the public interest sector?
3. Describe any past experiences or current public service interests that bear on whether you should be selected for a Fellowship. Such information may include examples of past public interest work, relevant specialized skills or training, or unique perspectives you could offer.

Together with this application, please submit the following materials:
- Law school transcript
- Resume
- Two letters of reference, including one from a former public interest or other legal employer

Applicants are encouraged to consult with Diane Chin, the Associate Dean for Public Service and Public Interest Law at Stanford Law School, prior to submitting application materials.

All materials must be received no later than 5:00 PM on January 15, 2020.

Submit all materials together by email to SCFellowship@publiccounsel.org with the subject line “Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship” or by mail to:
Public Counsel
610 S. Ardmore Avenue
Los Angeles, CA  90005
Attention:  Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship

If you do not receive an email notice acknowledging receipt within 72 hours after submitting your application, you may contact Dana Weinstein at (213) 385-2977, ext 119, to verify receipt. For any other questions about this application or the application process, please contact Elizabeth Bluestein at (213) 385-2977, ext 131.