

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 to low-income and racially diverse communities across our eight legal projects. We leverage our capacity to provide critical legal assistance, by working with major law firms and corporations to provide pro bono legal services to our clients. Its staff of over 135 attorneys and 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 between \$62,500-\$65,500 depending on years of legal practice. 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 2022-2024 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), Homelessness Prevention (including eviction defense, benefits advocacy, and individual rights), Immigration Rights (including work for victims of crime and persecution, and immigrants in detention), and Veterans' Rights (veteran and caregiver benefits, and discharge upgrades). Please go to our website: www.publiccounsel.org for more information about these practice

areas. Applicants should contact the directing attorneys of the projects in which they are interested to discuss opportunities.

Eligibility for the 2022 Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship is limited to students who are graduating from Stanford Law School in 2022 and Stanford Law School graduates from the classes of 2020 or 2021 who will complete a clerkship, public interest fellowship, or government honors program in the Fall of 2022. Applicants must plan to take the California bar exam no later than July 2022.

We are committed to building a diverse staff and encourage applications from people of color, people with disabilities, and people of all gender identities, gender expressions, and sexualities.

Interested applicants should submit the attached application and supporting materials no later than January 14, 2022.

Interviews are likely to be scheduled between January 24-February 11, with decisions made by February 18, 2022. Please contact Associate Dean Diane T. Chin (dchin@law.stanford.edu) for consultation and support in developing your application.

**The Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship at Public Counsel
2022-2024 Application Form**

Name: _____ Stanford Law School Graduation Year: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants' Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homelessness Prevention Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Veterans Advancement |

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. Public Counsel's clientele is extremely diverse, and the majority of our clients are low-income. To ensure that our agency is best serving our clients, Public Counsel strives to promote an evolving set of behaviors and attitudes amongst our staff, as well as policies that enable us to work effectively in all cross-cultural situations, with clients, with our coworkers, and with the community. We see this as a commitment to enhance the provision of our services to all clients; to raise the level of positive client outcomes; and to create an inclusive and respectful workplace in which differences are acknowledged and valued. Please address the following question in your materials, in order for your application to be considered: How do you think your personal background or experiences, professional or otherwise, have prepared you to contribute to our commitment to cultural humility and diversity amongst our staff? Feel free to think broadly about your response to this question, applying various aspects of your life and personal experiences.
4. 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 14, 2021.**

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 **Amaka Ogbodo at (213) 385-2977, ext 119**, to verify receipt.

For any other questions about this application or the application process, please contact **Cindy Panuco** at (213) 385-2977, ext 147.