NPAP Seeks Externally Funded Legal Fellow Candidates

The National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) seeks applicants to consider for a sponsored fellowship such as Skadden, Equal Justice Works, or other public interest fellowships to begin in the fall of 2024. We are looking for fellowship candidates who are committed to a career advocating for communities and individuals resisting police and carceral oppression. The fellow will have a unique opportunity to be involved in impact litigation, policy advocacy, and technical support to grassroots groups.

Organizational Background

NPAP is a non-profit organization that engages in a broad range of advocacy tactics to enhance accountability for misconduct, reduce police violence, and right-size the scope and scale of policing in the United States. We do this work in coordination with our hundreds of dues-paying members nationwide who represent victims of police and correctional misconduct.

Possible Project Proposals

NPAP seeks to sponsor a Legal Fellow to develop a project that builds on our litigation and legislative programs challenging institutional practices of police departments, jails, and/or prisons. Some possible proposals include:

- A project coordinating members and developing strategies to hold private correctional companies accountable for civil rights violations;
- A project focusing on policy and litigation strategies to address inadequacies in police hiring practices;
- A project focused on improving collaboration between criminal defense and civil rights attorneys so that victims of police misconduct can pursue relief for constitutional abuses.

Salary and Benefits

The fellow will be a full-time employee of NPAP with a salary of $65,000, even if the funding from the external fellowship does not match. The position includes comprehensive benefits and generous leave time.
Application Instructions
To apply, email a resume, writing sample, law school transcript, and a cover letter to Re’Neisha Stevenson at assistant.npap@nlg.org. In the cover letter, please include the following information:

1. Which fellowship(s) you intend to apply for;
2. A description of the proposed project you would like to do with NPAP;
3. An explanation of why your project is a good fit for NPAP and its existing work;
4. Anything else you want us to know.

We will begin to review applications on June 30, 2023 and will make decisions in mid-July. Once the priority deadline of June 30 passes, we will continue considering applications until the position is filled. Fellow applicants sponsored during this cycle will have a start date in September 2024.

NPAP is an equal employment opportunity employer. We seek a broad and diverse pool of candidates and strongly believe that our organization benefits from the perspective and talents of a diverse staff.