UCLA School of Law

Medical-Legal Partnership Fellowship

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Spring 2023

**Deadline:** Friday, April 7, 2023 at 12pm PST

### Opportunity

This is a one-year post-graduate fellowship offering recent law school graduates an opportunity to work with an innovative medical-legal partnership with a legal services organization dedicated to achieving equal justice for people living in poverty across Greater Los Angeles. The Fellow will work at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) as a member of its Medical - Legal Partnerships Workgroup to staff and support a new partnership between LAFLA, the Black Health Initiative (BHI), and the new Center for Reproductive Health Law and Policy (Center) at UCLA School of Law.

The fellowship will include the following activities: As part of the Black Health Initiative Medical – Legal Partnership team at Planned Parenthood Los Angeles, the Fellow will work with healthcare professionals to identify and help patients reach their optimal health. The Fellow will be supervised by LAFLA’s MLP Managing Attorney and will holistically advocate on behalf of patients in substantive legal areas impacting the social determinants of health such as housing, family law, immigration, public benefits, and re-entry.

LAFLA provides support for the fellowship in partnership with UCLA Law. LAFLA offers a diverse environment with competitive compensation based on comparable public interest salaries. We also offer a generous benefits package for full-time employees including medical, dental, and vision for employees and dependents, life insurance, long-term disability and long-term care insurance, and 403(b) retirement plan. Eligible employees may also qualify for bilingual supplements, law student loan reimbursements, and a cell phone stipend.

### Additional Information:

The Fellow shall not be considered an employee of UCLA Law. The Fellow will receive no benefits from UCLA Law. Please note that UCLA Law may contact LAFLA to determine any contribution to the fellowship, including benefits, and whether a proposed project would meet the criteria for certain UCLA Law funds that are restricted by subject area.

### Criteria:

- You must have graduated/be graduating from UCLA School of Law with a J.D. in December 2022 or May 2023.
• Demonstrated commitment to anti-poverty and social justice work, and to serving low-income communities members with compassion and respect;

• Self-motivated, organized, and detail-oriented;

• Ability to work independently and virtually; and

• Willingness to work beyond a minimum 7.0 hour workday, including evening and weekend meetings and events, and workweeks in excess of 35 hours when caseload or other obligations so necessitate.

**To apply:**

Email your application materials to Phong Wong  LAFLA  Pro Bono  Director, at probono@lafla.org  by  Friday April 7, 2023 at 12 pm PST. Include “2023 UCLA MLP Fellowship Application” in the subject line of the email.

**Application Materials:**

• Answers to the below questions
• A current résumé
• Transcript

**Application Questions:**

1. Please address the following questions in essay form (maximum 2 pages total):
   a. How have you demonstrated a commitment to practicing law to serve communities, to provide legal services, and/or to work in health law? What are your qualifications?
   b. Why do you want to work at LAFLA?
   c. What are your long-term career goals? How will gaining this fellowship advance those goals?
   d. How does your privilege serve you in this work? How are you using it to create more equity?

2. What other postgraduate fellowships, clerkships, and/or jobs have you applied for this year? Describe your postgraduate job search and list any positions you have applied for by name. (maximum ½ page).

3. What state bar exam do you intend to take this summer? (If you do not intend to take a state bar exam this summer, please explain why, and explain the arrangements you have made with your proposed host organization to accommodate taking the bar exam later.) (maximum ½ page).

Remember to attach your résumé and transcript!

All additional questions must be addressed to fellowshipcommittee@law.ucla.edu.