SAN FRANCISCO AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION PROJECT FELLOWSHIP

The Yale Law School’s San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) and Robert M. COVER FELLOWSHIP Program offer a post-graduate fellowship for lawyers who are interested in a long-term career in law school clinical teaching or public lawyering. The Fellowship starts during the summer and lasts for one year, with a stipend of about $47,500 per year plus health benefits. One new SFALP Cover Fellow is selected each year.

SFALP is a clinical partnership between Yale Law School and the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office. Students work with San Francisco Deputy City Attorneys to conceive, develop, and litigate some of the most innovative public interest lawsuits in the country—lawsuits that tackle problems with local dimensions but national effects. The Clinic has worked on litigation dealing with myriad issues of consumer protection, civil rights, and public health. Last year, SFALP helped win a nationwide injunction against the President’s sanctuary city order. During the last few years, it helped win a $1.1 billion victory against the lead paint industry, litigate the California same-sex marriage trial (dubbed the “trial of the century”), and file a consumer-protection case that made the cover of Business Week. It is now working on one of the most innovative climate-change suits in the United States. The clinic now serves as a national model for law schools across the country.

The Fellowship offers individuals a unique opportunity to craft their own experience to fit their interests and career goals. In addition to running the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project and co-teaching a seminar on local government law with Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken, Fellows can choose to devote their time to working directly with the San Francisco City Attorney’s Affirmative Litigation Task Force on related litigation, pursuing their own academic work, or a combination of both approaches.

Applicants should send a resume, a letter making the case for their candidacy, contact information for three references, and a writing sample by email to Dean Heather Gerken. Prior experience working with an affirmative litigation clinic is not required.

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