



## **Fellowship Opportunities @ Greater Boston Legal Services**

Greater Boston Legal Services, Inc. (GBLS) will sponsor a limited number of applicants for two national fellowship programs: Equal Justice Works and the Skadden Fellowship Program. Both programs require applicants to develop a proposed project with a sponsoring legal agency. Selections for the fellowships are made by the national programs and not by GBLS. **Because of the time needed to research and develop high quality projects, interested persons should contact GBLS as soon as possible. Earlier applicants will have an advantage.**

GBLS' mission is to provide free civil legal aid to help vulnerable community members achieve justice and meet their basic needs. GBLS helps families and individuals retain affordable housing, secure admission to emergency shelter, gain protection from domestic violence, access subsistence income for food and medical care, and recover earned wages, among other needs.

GBLS operates under a theory of change model that makes the following assumptions: 1) free civil legal aid is critical to improving the lives of low-income families and individuals; 2) systemic barriers to justice perpetuate poverty; 3) access to an attorney empowers underserved populations to assert their rights; and 4) systems that have historically kept people in poverty can be mitigated by resolving individual civil cases that challenge unfair rules, policies, and procedures more broadly.

**Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Accessible Employer and strives to ensure that our staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.**

## EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The goals of the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program are to serve under represented communities; create new public interest law positions; select a diverse group of highly qualified fellows; and develop future leaders in public interest law.

**Terms:** Salary provided for two full years, loan repayment assistance, national training programs; fringe benefits to be paid by GBLS.

**Eligibility:** Must have graduated from an Equal Justice Works Member Law School before September 2022 with a J.D. or LL.M. Experienced attorneys who are committed to public interest law are encouraged to apply.

**Application procedure:** In addition to submitting an application and other related information, applicants should develop, in conjunction with GBLS, a new project to benefit under represented communities. Applications must be submitted online through the Equal Justice Works website at [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org). Hard copies or email copies of the application will not be accepted.

### Application and Selection Timetable:

Application opens online:	<b>June 15, 2021</b>
GBLS deadline:	<b>July 30, 2021</b>
EJW Application deadline:	<b>September 20, 2021</b>
Interviews Begin for Selected Candidates:	<b>December 2021</b>
Interviews continued; fellowships are offered on a rolling basis:	<b>December 2021 - April 2022</b>
Fellows commence work:	<b>September, 2022</b>

Interested individuals must submit a cover letter and resume to the

Personnel Team at [jobs@gbls.org](mailto:jobs@gbls.org) with the subject line "**Fellowship Opportunities**". Please include in your **cover letter a proposed project and indicate unit of interest. GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.**

**For more information on the EJW Fellowship Program, please go to [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org).**

## SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The goal of the Skadden Fellowship Program is to provide support to 2022 law school graduates and outgoing judicial law clerks who want to work at an organization that provides civil legal services to the poor, including the homeless, the elderly, the disabled, or those deprived of their civil or human rights.

**Terms:** Salary and fringe benefits provided for two full years.

**Eligibility:** 2022 law school graduates or outgoing law clerks who are not receiving any other fellowship or prize monies for the Skadden Fellowship duration are eligible. The grant-making panel will consider the worthiness of the proposed project's goals as well as the applicant's competency, character, and commitment.

**Application procedure:** Applicants should email an application, a proposed project, and additional information in conjunction with GBLS, the sponsoring organization to [skadden.foundation@skadden.com](mailto:skadden.foundation@skadden.com). The application can be downloaded at [www.skaddenfellowships.org](http://www.skaddenfellowships.org).

### **Application and Selection Timetable:**

GBLS deadline:	<b>July 30, 2021</b>
Application deadline:	<b>September 10, 2021</b>
Finalists notified:	<b>November 11, 2021</b>
Fellows commence work:	<b>September, 2022</b>

Interested individuals must submit a cover letter and resume to the Personnel Department by email at [jobs@gbls.org](mailto:jobs@gbls.org) with the subject line "**Fellowship Opportunities**". Please include in your **cover letter a proposed project and indicate unit of interest. GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.**

**For more information on the Skadden Fellowship Program, please go to [www.skaddenfellowships.org](http://www.skaddenfellowships.org).**