



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

## Equal Justice America Immigration Post-Graduate Fellowship at Greater Boston Legal Services

Since 1993, **Equal Justice America** has provided opportunities for law students and lawyers to work with legal aid programs across the country.

For more than 100 years, **Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS)** has provided free civil legal assistance to people living in poverty in the Greater Boston area. Each year GBLS's attorneys, staff, and volunteers help resolve legal problems, including immigration, domestic violence, consumer fraud, unfair evictions, and juvenile expungements.

**Equal Justice America** (EJA) is funding a two-year fellow from Harvard Law School to be responsible for representing clients in a variety of immigration matters, including removal defense, defensive and affirmative asylum claims, special immigrant juvenile status petitions, VAWA self-petitions, U and T visas, as well as other immigration matters before the USCIS, EOIR and federal and state courts. In addition, the fellow will assist in coordinating pro-bono representation; conduct outreach to various community based organizations and attend trainings and maintain up-to-date knowledge of current legal issues surrounding immigration law.

The Fellow will also work closely with GBLS Immigration advocates by collaborating on inter-practice group projects, which could involve shared outreach or legal casework, or developing new strategies for servicing our common clients. The Fellow will be required to provide detailed quarterly reports to Equal Justice America and to blog on at least a weekly basis about their work for EJA's website.

**Qualifications**: Applicants must have graduated with a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School by May 2017, but no later than May 2018; must be a member of the Massachusetts Bar or sit for the Massachusetts Bar Exam no later than July 2018; have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues affecting GBLS clients; strong oral and writing skills; and team-centered work experience. Prior work experience with matters of immigration law is a plus. Fluency in Spanish, Haitian Creole or another language spoken by GBLS's clients is highly desirable. The successful applicant will be collegial, well-organized, and demonstrate a commitment to working with people living in poverty in Greater Boston's' large and diverse immigrant community.

**Salary and benefits:** Salary is based on union scale. Generous benefits package, including 100% paid health and dental insurance for full-time employees and student loan repayment assistance plan for eligible attorneys. GBLS is an AA/EO/Handicapped employer committed to diversity in the workforce and regards differences as assets.

**To Apply:** Candidates should email a resume, cover letter describing any prior public interest legal work and a writing sample to: Sonia Marquez, Director of Human Resources at <u>jobs@gbls.org</u>. Please refer to Job Code: IMM/EJA Fellow. The deadline for applications is **February 2, 2018** or until position is filled. The position will begin fall 2018 and will end fall 2020.