



GEORGETOWN LAW
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**Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic
2-Year Clinical Teaching Fellowship, 2021-2023**

The Georgetown Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic seeks a two year clinical teaching fellow to begin in summer 2021 to teach and supervise law clinic students providing civil legal services through an innovating medical-legal partnership. Georgetown Law and the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic are committed to diversity in hiring.

Clinic Description

The Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic is part of a medical-legal partnership between Georgetown University's Law and Medical Centers. Launched in August 2017, the Law Clinic integrates law students directly into Georgetown community-based health clinics serving children and families living in poverty in Washington, D.C. Law students provide civil legal services to address barriers that affect patient health and well-being in collaboration with medical students, physicians, and other healthcare providers.

Patients at these clinics face complex, civil legal needs, many of which negatively impact their health and well-being. Among the needs currently being served are those related to housing, public benefits, education, and family law. By partnering directly with medical providers who provide low barrier access to healthcare to high needs families in Washington, D.C., the HJA Law Clinic offers a unique and especially effective method for reducing the barriers to justice that often confront people living in poverty and that contribute to racial and economic health disparities. Medical students rotate into the law clinic and collaborate with law students and clinical teaching fellows in providing holistic advocacy to client families.

Description of the Fellowship

The Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic is hiring an individual to serve as a clinical teaching fellow and supervising attorney for two years beginning in summer 2021 and ending in summer 2023. The fellowship is ideal for a legal services attorney interested in transition into legal academia and developing teaching and supervisory abilities in a setting that emphasizes a dual commitment—clinical education of law students and poverty lawyering—in the context of an interdisciplinary medical-legal partnership in furtherance of health equity and social justice. The fellow will (i) supervise law students in casework and clinic projects and serve as a mentor and role model to law students in the clinic, including students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, (ii) share responsibility for designing and teaching law clinic seminar classes and facilitating case rounds, and (iii) share in the administrative and case handling responsibilities of the Law Clinic and its medical-legal partnership. The teaching team is highly collaborative and uses a team-based approach to pedagogy planning and problem solving. Fellows also participate in a clinical pedagogy seminar and other activities designed to support an interest in clinical

teaching and legal education. Successful completion of the fellowship results in the award of an L.L.M. in Advocacy from Georgetown University.

Teaching fellows receive an annual stipend of approximately \$57,000 in the first year and \$60,000 in the second year, health and dental benefits, and all tuition and fees in the LL.M. program. In addition to training in clinical pedagogy, fellows have access to programming and support around scholarship and entry into the legal teaching market and professional development opportunities. As full-time students, teaching fellows may qualify for deferment of their student loans and/or may be eligible for loan repayment assistance from their law schools.

Fellows also benefit from their affiliation with the clinical program at Georgetown Law, the broader Health Justice Alliance cross-campus initiative, the law school and university's health law and policy programs, and the Georgetown Law and Georgetown University communities. Georgetown is a vibrant institution with a deep commitment to public service and social justice. Georgetown Law is widely recognized as having the country's top ranked clinical program, with 18 law school clinics—which have clinical teaching Fellows who convene regularly for educational, professional, and social events. Because the program is widely respected by both the public interest bar and the academy, Fellows have enjoyed considerable success obtaining full-time teaching or advocacy positions after the completion of the Fellowship.

Qualifications

The Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic seeks a prospective fellow with:

- Experience providing civil legal services to low-income clients (housing, public benefits, and/or special education law are areas of particular need);
- Minimum of 3 years of post-J.D. legal experience;
- Membership in the District of Columbia Bar (if not a member of the D.C. Bar must apply for admission by waiver upon accepting the fellowship offer);
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and an interest in clinical teaching; and
- Prior medical, health-related, or mental health-related experience a plus.

Application Instructions:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Please submit a letter of interest, résumé/CV, complete law school transcript, a list of at least three references, and a writing sample (max. 10 pages) to HealthJusticeAlliance@georgetown.edu. If you have any questions please contact Eugenia Alvarez, Office Manager for the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, at ea661@georgetown.edu.

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