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2019 FALL FELLOWSHIPS

Manhattan Legal Services is seeking law students to sponsor for post-graduate legal fellowships such as Skadden and law school funded fellowships to commence in fall 2019. We are part of Legal Services NYC, the largest provider of free civil legal services for low-income people in the country. We are an anti-racist, anti-poverty social justice law office, dedicated to providing high quality legal services in the areas of housing, family law, public benefits, employment, education, consumer, immigration and disability rights, with special units serving particular vulnerable populations. We are committed to working in partnership with community-based organizations in the low-income communities we serve to address the causes of poverty.

MLS seeks proposals to provide direct legal services as well as to address systemic causes of social, racial and economic injustice. We are open to any proposal but some ideas for fellowships include:

- Addressing barriers to employment for people with criminal records and seeking innovative proposals designed to address those legal barriers impeding full opportunities for inclusion in the workforce.
- Working to create wealth in the communities we serve and addressing financial justice issues including access to health care, access to benefits, the ability to transfer wealth, strengthening HDFC's and helping people create and maintain small businesses and microenterprises.
- Working with our HIV and LGBTQ Unit to create a project that addresses one or more of the following areas: the needs of low-income LGBTQ immigrants and immigrants living with HIV/AIDS; access to health care; access to benefits; and issues affecting LGBTQ youth.
- Addressing disability rights such as discrimination, mental health issues, and access to housing, transportation and health care.

We are looking for applicants with a demonstrated passion for social justice, and a commitment to working with low-income communities and communities of color to advance equity. Qualified students and recent law graduates are invited to submit a brief project proposal no later than August 13th. Please send a brief proposal and resume to Peggy Earisman, Director, by email to mlsfellowships@lsnyc.org