

# LATINOJustice

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## VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY / DEFERRED ASSOCIATE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

LatinoJustice PRLDEF is one of the foremost Latino civil rights organizations in the country, serving a pan-Latino constituency. Since 1972, we have brought precedent-setting impact litigation that has profoundly improved the treatment of Latinos in our society. Current areas of focus include constitutional rights, immigrants' rights and voting rights; housing, education, language and job discrimination; freedom of movement and the treatment of day laborers; and all forms of bias that affect Latinos. Recent landmark successes include *Lozano v. City of Hazleton*, enjoining a Pennsylvania town from enacting its own immigration law, and *Doe v. Mamaroneck*, prohibiting discriminatory harassment of day laborers. Our primary geographic foci are the Eastern United States from Rhode Island to Florida, and all areas where Latinos face injustice.

LatinoJustice Public Interest Fellows will work in our offices at 99 Hudson Street in lower Manhattan. Fellows will conduct legal research and writing; draft briefs and other litigation documents; conduct fact investigation, including witness interviews; and participate in court hearings, trials and appeals when possible. With a small legal staff and a heavy litigation docket, Latino Justice does not assign "make work" projects. Fellows are considered part of the legal staff and are included in every aspect of our litigation practice, from case development to drafting pleadings and appellate briefs.

Recent associate externs have participated actively in all aspects of *Aguilar v. Immigration and Customs Enforcement*, challenging the government's unconstitutional practices during warrantless home raids on Latino families; *Milanes v. U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services*, challenging systemic delays in the naturalization process; and *Lozano et al. v. City of Hazleton*, overturning unconstitutional local ordinances targeting undocumented immigrants. Associate externs have taken and defended depositions, and on several occasions have appeared in federal court to question witnesses and present evidence.

Law firm externs have also actively participated in LatinoJustice's Voting Rights project, working in our Spanish language *Ve Y Vota* Election Protection hotline as well as training and supervising poll monitors in Prince William County, Virginia. Externs have also participated in various Know Your Rights activities, and Fellows may choose to help develop action plans to ensure that all Latinos will be counted next year during the 2010 Census.

**To Apply:** Submit resume and cover letter and/or personal statement explaining your interest in working at LatinoJustice to: Jose Perez, Associate General Counsel, at: [jperez@latinojustice.org](mailto:jperez@latinojustice.org).

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