



Trinh Huynh Legal Fellow

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta is seeking applicants for the Trinh Huynh Legal Fellow to provide direct immigration services to AAPI and other immigrant and refugee communities in Georgia and the Southeast. The fellowship is geared toward a current law student graduating in May 2018 or a lawyer who graduated no earlier than May 2017, who has an interest in immigration and civil rights law. The fellow will be hosted at Advancing Justice – Atlanta and funded by the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA).

About Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta is the first legal and policy advocacy center dedicated to defending democracy for Asian Americans, immigrants and refugees in Georgia and the Southeast. Founded in 2010, Advancing Justice – Atlanta serves thousands of vulnerable and underserved people through its core program areas of civic engagement, direct legal services, policy advocacy, and leadership development. Our vision is a social movement where AANHPIs, immigrants, and refugees are fully empowered, active in civic life, and working together to promote equity and fair treatment for all. Advancing Justice – Atlanta is one of five independent civil rights organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation.

About GAPABA

The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA), formerly known as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Georgia Chapter (NAPABA-GA), was founded in 1993 by a handful of core members who strove to establish a Georgia support network for Asian Pacific American attorneys and those interested in Asian American legal issues. Part of GAPABA's core mission is to broaden professional opportunities for Asian Pacific American lawyers and law students, and to support the entrance and advancement of Asian Pacific Americans within the legal profession.

About the Fellowship

The fellow, hosted by Advancing Justice – Atlanta, will work with Advancing Justice – Atlanta and the broader Advancing Justice affiliation to provide direct immigration services to the community.

Responsibilities

The fellow will:

- Conduct client intake, and prepare applications and petitions for submission to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

- Train with the Southern Poverty Law Center's Southern Immigrant Freedom Initiative and provide immigration assistance to Advancing Justice - Atlanta's clients, as needed
- Assess clients for other immigration-related needs and provide referrals as needed
- Lead community outreach and educational activities, including planning and conducting citizenship clinics and Know Your Rights presentations
- Lead Advancing Justice - Atlanta's Family Preparedness Clinics and participate in Advancing Justice - Atlanta's free citizenship workshops
- Prepare legal documents such as memos, briefs, and motions for submission to immigration court.

Additionally, the fellow will be required to:

- Become a dues paying member of GAPABA and attend the annual GAPABA conference in Atlanta;
- Attend the annual Advancing Justice conference in early 2019; and
- Attend other conferences and trainings as needed.

All Advancing Justice – Atlanta staff are required to assist in general duties such as answering phones, outreach, and other office tasks.

Qualifications:

- Must commit to one full year starting August 2018
- Proficiency in Spanish or an Asian language (Vietnamese, Korean, Urdu/Hindi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Farsi) is preferred but not required.
- Must have the ability to work independently, and participate fully in decision-making processes.
- Selection will be based on a variety of factors, including the applicant's academic and professional qualifications, a demonstrated commitment to the public interest, especially immigration law.

Application instructions:

- A one-page cover letter addressing the reason you are applying to the fellowship and how your past activities, volunteer work, personal life, and/or internships demonstrate your interest in public interest law, specifically as it relates to the AAPI community and the field of immigration law;
- Resume, not to exceed one page;
- A legal writing sample not to exceed 5 pages;
- A list of three professional or academic references; and
- Please submit all application materials as one pdf file to jjamil@advancingjustice-atlanta.org. **No phone calls or inquiry emails please.**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

The Fellow will start in August 2018 and work one full year to July 2018. The fellow will receive a stipend of \$40,000 and a generous benefits package including medical, dental, and vision insurance.

