



Disability Law Fellowship

In the ten years since we opened our doors as North Carolina's protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities, Disability Rights North Carolina has become a leading voice in protecting the legal rights of people with disabilities in our State. We are the only nonprofit organization in our State dedicated solely to providing advocacy and legal services to people with all types of disabilities to protect their right to live independently with dignity in the communities of their choice. Our mission is to protect the legal rights of people with disabilities through individual and systems advocacy. Our 18 staff attorneys and attorney managers conduct a wide range of legal advocacy services for people with disabilities, including the provision of direct legal representation to people with disabilities to protect their rights and ensure they receive the services to which they are entitled by law, bringing impact litigation, and acting as amicus curiae in disability-related cases.

Through funding from a private foundation, Disability Rights North Carolina will hire a Disability Law Fellow to begin employment in August 2018. The Fellowship was created in 2015 to increase opportunities for attorneys to develop their interest and expertise in protecting the legal rights of people with disabilities. The Disability Law Fellow will be an attorney with 0-3 years of experience who has demonstrated an interest in and commitment to public interest law and protecting the rights of people with disabilities. The fellow will be working with our Community Access Team, which advocates for equal access in employment, higher education, public programs and services, and public accommodations.

To be eligible for the Disability Law Fellowship, the individual must be licensed to either practice law in North Carolina or be eligible to sit for the North Carolina Bar exam and commit to do so at the earliest opportunity. The Disability Law Fellow will be a full time employee of Disability Rights North Carolina, will be paid consistent with the salary range for its staff attorneys (once licensed to practice law in North Carolina), and will receive all benefits provided to its full time employees. One person may hold the Disability Law Fellowship for no more than 24 months.

Disability Rights NC is an Equal Opportunity Employer of protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. We do not discriminate in any aspect of employment with regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran's status or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law. We are encouraging people with disabilities to apply and specifically recruiting applicants with disabilities.

Send a detailed letter of interest explaining your qualifications and interest in the Disability Law Fellowship, resume, and writing sample to holly.stiles@disabilityrightsn.org. We encourage individuals who have previously developed a relevant fellowship or project proposal to include it with their application materials.

Closing date to submit applications: April 6, 2018. A decision will be made by early May and applicants will be notified.