

Crime Victims Advocacy Program Fellowship

Employer: Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)

Fellowship: Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Advocacy Program

The Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE) seeks diverse and dynamic applicants for a 24-month, full-time attorney position as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in the Crime Victims Advocacy Program.

CAASE has been competitively selected by Equal Justice Works as an implementing partner of Equal Justice Works' Crime Victims Advocacy Program (CVAP), funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

CAASE envisions a community free from all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault and the commercial sex trade. CAASE addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Our work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services.

Despite the significant expansion of victim assistance services and resources in recent years, access to high-quality civil legal services and victims' rights enforcement remains limited, especially for Black, Indigenous and other People of Color (BIPOC) and other individuals from communities with high levels of disinvestment.

The Crime Victims Advocacy Program will increase legal assistance to crime victims in BIPOC communities by mobilizing and training a network of 21 committed attorney Fellows and 21 law student Fellows who will serve at selected host organizations across the country, expanding the capacity of participating host organizations to provide legal assistance to victims of crime in BIPOC communities and communities with high levels of disinvestment, through the provision of civil legal assistance and victims' rights enforcement.

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

An [Equal Justice Works fellowship](#) is an opportunity to transform your passion for justice into a career. As a Fellow, you will be part of a prestigious cohort of attorneys hosted by legal services organizations across the United States.

As a Fellow, you will develop experience and skills to be a social justice leader while contributing to a broader community of practice.

Fellowship responsibilities include:

- Primarily providing civil legal assistance and legal assistance with rights enforcement for victims of sexual assault and/or sex trafficking in BIPOC communities and communities with high levels of disinvestment. Fellows will provide direct legal services, and when appropriate, conduct outreach, education, and partnership-building activities.
- Protecting and enforcing victims' rights on behalf of clients
- Utilizing the Illinois Crime Victim Bill of Rights to represent survivors of sexual assault or sex trafficking as a victims' rights attorney in criminal proceedings.
- Building key stakeholder relationships in furtherance of the fellowship objectives
- Engaging in peer-to-peer learning as part of the Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Advocacy Program Fellow cohort
- Actively contributing to and participating in Crime Victims Advocacy Program cohort activities (resource exchanges; interactive webinars and conference call with other Cohort and EJW Fellows and Alumni; and in-person trainings including Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in Washington DC in Oct 2023 and 2024.
- Contributing to required programmatic reporting
- Maintaining organized and detailed case files and a client database.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate for this fellowship possesses:

- A demonstrated commitment to social justice, with a desire to increase access to justice for underserved and BIPOC communities and achieve results
- Experience working with or connection to underserved, BIPOC communities
- A strong DEI lens
- Previous legal services experience, including civil legal aid, law school clinics, and internships is a plus
- Proven leadership skills with a strong work ethic
- Outstanding verbal and written communication
- Some level of experience with delivering trainings or presentations
- Values that are aligned with Equal Justice Works and CAASE
- Exceptional interpersonal and organizational skills
- An ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary setting to facilitate a coordinated community response and provide holistic services to clients
- Demonstrated commitment to working against all forms of violence against girls and women and on behalf of all victims of sexual assault and exploitation, regardless of sex, gender identity, race, ethnicity or economic circumstances. Demonstrated commitment to feminist principles of identifying and opposing all forms and manifestations of inequality.
- Commitment to developing innovative legal and policy responses to sexual assault through the provision of civil legal representation and advocacy to survivors of

sexual assault and prostitution, both within the criminal justice system, the civil justice system, and in any other venue applicable to survivors.

Please note Fellows must commit to fulfilling the twenty-four-month fellowship and will sign a Fellowship Agreement with Equal Justice Works.

Salary and Other Benefits

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Advocacy Program attorney will receive an annual salary and health insurance and other benefits through CAASE. Interested applicants should contact CAASE with any follow-up questions.

Application Instructions

All applications should be submitted online at <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/crime-victims-advocacy-program-fellowship-application/>. Application materials include a cover letter, resume, and writing sample.

CAASE is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received no later than July 1, 2023. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are encouraged.

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