

/ National Advisory Committee Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the term for an NAC Member?

NAC Members serve for two years. NAC Members serve staggered terms.

What is the application deadline?

Applications must be received by Thursday, May 16, 2024. Members will be notified of their acceptance by June 1, 2024.

How will the applications be evaluated?

Applications will be evaluated based on the applicant's commitment to public interest law and involvement in public interest initiatives and groups, demonstrated impact on law school campus, creativity in describing ideas for Equal Justice Works, and geographic location, size, and other factors relating to the candidate's schools. NAC Members will be chosen by Equal Justice Works staff.

What is the time commitment and expectations for members?

NAC Members will be expected to attend an annual half-day meeting for both years of their term, which includes an overview of the organization and other deep dives into our programs and strategic plan. Members are also expected to attend one virtual meeting a month, either with the entire group or their specific working group. Members may have minimal work to complete between meetings.

What kind of projects and tasks do members contribute to?

Members contribute to and provide feedback on several initiatives throughout their terms on the committee. These include outreach initiatives, student engagement brainstorming sessions, providing ideas for topics and session ideas for events, and more. Members can also create their own agenda items and bring important issues to highlight during meetings. NAC Members are also responsible for scoring the Regional Public Interest Awards and selecting winners for this award each year.

What are the benefits of being an NAC Member?

Members can share their voice and perspective on various public interest topics and EJW programming and shape how the organization engages with the law school community. Members will get non-profit insider information and committee experience through this opportunity and be invited to special events like the Scales of Justice in Washington, DC and other regional receptions. This position is an incredible way to build connections and relationships in the national public interest community, and to build your public interest resume in a unique way. It is a valuable experience for students and law school professionals.

What if my region does not currently have an opening?

Members serve for two years, so every two years, there will be an opening in each region. If there is not an opening now, check back for next year's application and apply then.

Can I apply as a 3L even though I will graduate before my second year on the committee begins?

Yes! We encourage all class years to apply for the committee. If you join the NAC and graduate while you are still on the committee, you are still providing so much value and can benefit from serving in many ways. Recent law school graduates are frequently serving on the committee for this reason.

What can I do if I have additional questions about the NAC?

Reach out to the law school engagement and advocacy team at students@equaljusticeworks.org. We can answer any questions you have.