



## Civil Rights Fellowship:

The National Lawyers Guild - New York City Chapter is now accepting applications for our second annual Civil Litigation Taskforce Fellowship.

In 2020, the murder of George Floyd showed us that the government can execute a Black man in broad daylight just for being accused of forging a \$20 bill. We saw how the government can break into a Black woman's home and murder her just for existing. We also saw millions of protesters take to the streets and remind the world that Black lives matter. Here in New York City, we saw how the NYPD responded to these protests with mass arrests, censorship, and even more brutality. Now we seek to expand our support for those protesters by creating a part-time fellowship program that begins to hold the police accountable.

This is a six-month fellowship, tailored for newcomers to the civil rights field.

Responsibilities may include working with senior attorneys, co-counseling civil rights cases, and managing a part-time civil rights caseload. In order to ensure fellows growth, we will provide fellows with:

- An opportunity to participate in ongoing civil rights cases with George Floyd/BLM Civil Litigation Taskforce members;
- Access to shared litigation resources;
- Free civil rights law training, in some cases with CLE credits;
- Pairing with an experienced mentor;
- A stipend of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 for the first three months and an additional \$5,000 if the fellow has the capacity to continue).

Applicants must be attorneys in good standing in the state of New York and must demonstrate an interest in utilizing client-centered representation to address problems of systemic oppression in policing. To apply, please submit a statement of interest

(cover letter), resume, and writing sample, to [nyccivilrights@nlg.org](mailto:nyccivilrights@nlg.org) no later than January 15, 2023. The legal profession has historically implemented many barriers of entry for anyone who does not fit the traditional mold of the primarily white, cisgender, heterosexual male civil bar. That is why we strongly encourage anyone that has been traditionally underrepresented in the civil rights bar to apply.

The fellows will be chosen by a committee composed of experienced litigators on the George Floyd/BLM Civil Litigation Taskforce. The fellowship recipients will be notified in early February 2023. Fellows will be required to join the NLG-NYC; to join or renew, go to <https://nlgnyc.org/joinrenew/>. If you are unsure of your membership status, please email [nlgnyc@nlg.org](mailto:nlgnyc@nlg.org).

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