Fellowship in Appellate & Constitutional Litigation

Gupta Wessler PLLC, founded in 2012, is the only firm of its kind in the nation—a private law firm, unaffiliated with any particular advocacy group, focusing on the representation of plaintiffs and other public-interest clients in Supreme Court, appellate, and constitutional litigation. Our cases cover an unusually broad range of issues, with an emphasis on consumers' and workers' rights, class actions, and the First Amendment, and extending to areas as diverse as gun control, environmental justice, civil rights, administrative law, and antitrust. In these and other areas, we work with scholars, policy experts, non-profit organizations, and other law firms to help shape the law in ways that enhance justice and improve people's lives.

The firm seeks an outstanding new attorney for a one-year litigation fellowship to begin in September 2016. We seek an attorney with exceptional writing ability, the capacity to think creatively about the law, strong advocacy instincts, and a genuine passion for public interest work. A judicial clerkship and experience in both public interest and appellate litigation are strongly preferred.

The fellowship is ideally suited for a current judicial law clerk interested in embarking on a career as a public interest litigator. Fellows are fully integrated into all aspects of the firm's work and receive significant responsibility for cutting-edge appellate and constitutional litigation. They are expected to hit the ground running by researching and drafting briefs under close supervision and mentorship by the firm's attorneys. Fellows will also play a critical role in monitoring developments in the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts, and in analyzing potential new cases for the firm.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter, resume, transcript, a list of three references, and more than one writing sample to fellowship@guptawessler.com. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but should arrive by September 15, 2015 to ensure full consideration. We are committed to considering applicants from all schools and backgrounds, and we actively seek applications from women and underrepresented groups.

Writing samples are the most important part of the application process. We prefer writing samples that reflect a candidate's most challenging and ambitious work so far, not cookie-cutter assignments for legal writing courses. Scholarly papers are welcome but we would also like to see at least one in-depth advocacy piece or legal memorandum, such as a bench memo (if chambers policy permits, and redacted as necessary). We prefer to see whole documents rather than excerpts. Samples that have been edited or commented upon by others are perfectly fine so long as that fact is noted. We also welcome non-legal writing samples that reveal a candidate's general analytical and writing ability.