2016 – 2018 National Advisory Committee
Law Student Application Form

The Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee (NAC) provides leadership, advice and outreach assistance to advance Equal Justice Works’ mission of mobilizing the next generation of public interest attorneys. The NAC convenes a diverse group of law students and law school professionals to act as Equal Justice Works ambassadors within the law school and legal services communities and assist with the implementation of initiatives.

The NAC is comprised of eight law students and eight law school professionals. All 16 members serve staggered two-year terms. Equal Justice Works seeks four law students committed to public interest and social justice issues to serve two-year terms (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018).

The NAC meets in person one time per year and participates in several conference calls throughout the year. The 2016 NAC Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on Friday, July 29. All applicants must be available to attend this in-person meeting of the Committee. Reasonable travel and lodging costs for the NAC meeting are reimbursed by Equal Justice Works.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Email a complete application to nac@equaljusticeworks.org. A complete application includes:

- A completed application form with your contact information and responses to each question;
- Your résumé or CV in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Portable Document (.pdf) format; and
- Two contacts to be used as references if needed.*

*Please provide the name, title, phone number, and email address for your two references. We do not need letters of recommendation, just contact information.

All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 6, 2016. Late applications will not be considered. If you have any questions, please email nac@equaljusticeworks.org or call 202.466.3686. All applicants will be contacted regarding their status by the end of May.
ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant’s law school must be a member of Equal Justice Works during the 2015-2016 school year.
- The applicant must be currently enrolled as a law student for academic year 2016-2017. We encourage all interested students to apply, especially rising 2L students.
- The applicant must be willing and able to commit to serving a two-year term.
- The applicant must have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law. We are particularly interested in students who wish to effect change on their campuses and/or in the legal community. Members of public interest and/or pro bono organizations on campus and those who have dedicated time to serving low-income or underserved communities either during or prior to law school are ideal.
- The applicant must be in good academic standing at his/her law school.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The mission of the National Advisory Committee is to:
Provide a vehicle through which students and professionals at Equal Justice Works member law schools help advance the organization's goal of helping students develop a lifelong commitment of working on behalf of underrepresented individuals, communities and causes.

To achieve this mission, the NAC provides feedback on Equal Justice Works programs and initiatives, conducts outreach to law school professionals and students at law schools in their assigned regions, and reports back to Equal Justice Works staff on public interest law issues, news, updates, and feedback in their regions.

Equal Justice Works
Equal Justice Works coordinates with NAC members to:

- Establish annual goals based on organizational priorities and needs;
- Ensure NAC members receive orientation, training and information on current and new initiatives within Equal Justice Works;
- Recruit new members annually; and
- Organize an annual meeting and regular conference calls.

NAC Members
NAC members help extend the reach of Equal Justice Works initiatives into the law school and legal services community by:

- Acting as Equal Justice Works ambassadors within the law school and legal services communities;
- Conducting outreach to and soliciting feedback from students and professionals at member law schools not represented on the committee;
- Participating in the annual in-person meeting;
- Assisting with the annual Conference and Career Fair held every October in Washington, D.C.;
- Assisting with the design, implementation and evaluation of select initiatives; and
- Respecting and promoting the actions and decisions of the NAC among member schools.
National Advisory Committee Application: Law Students

Applicant Information
Instructions: Click on the highlighted field to type in your information. Double click check boxes to check off the appropriate answer.

Name:

Class Year (rising): [ ] 2L [ ] 3L [ ] 4L

Degree: [ ] JD [ ] Other:

Law School:

Mailing Address (as of June 2014): Number and street

City, State and Zip

Phone: eg.: 555-555-5555

Email:

By submitting this application, I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the NAC Roles and Responsibilities outlined above and am willing to abide by them should I be selected. [ ] I agree

Please answer the following questions. Note that each question has a word limit.

1. Describe any student groups, public service programs or initiatives in which you participate, including any leadership positions you currently hold or held in the recent past. Please limit your response to 500 words.

2. Members of the National Advisory Committee are asked to occasionally facilitate conversations with law school students, faculty, and staff; brainstorm programming ideas and advice; and write blogs and other content for Equal Justice Works. Citing examples, describe what qualities and skills you bring to the National Advisory Committee, including any successful collaborative projects in which you have been involved. Please limit your response to 500 words.

3. Equal Justice Works is increasing our outreach to law students and working to help them connect with each other in a national network. In addition to information about our programs and opportunities, what do you think we should include in the content of our outreach? What do students want to know in relation to public interest law on their campuses and public interest legal careers? What can we do or what can we provide to develop, strengthen or support public interest and pro bono programming on law school campuses? Think outside the box! Please limit your response to 500 words.