

**2018-2019 WENDY PARMET FELLOWSHIP  
AT HEALTH LAW ADVOCATES, INC.**

**ORGANIZATION:** Health Law Advocates, Inc. (HLA) is a public interest law firm founded in 1996. Its mission is to represent low-income people who seek access to needed health care, particularly those who are the most vulnerable such as those with chronic illness or disabilities, children, elders, immigrants or the uninsured. HLA achieves its mission through individual and class-wide legal advocacy and public policy reform efforts. HLA is affiliated, and collaborates extensively, with Health Care For All, the premier public policy advocacy organization for health care access in Massachusetts. For more information about Health Law Advocates, please visit their website at [www.healthlawadvocates.org](http://www.healthlawadvocates.org)

**FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION:** The Parmet Fellow will serve for one year, beginning in September, 2018, with the exact date to be determined by the Fellow and HLA. The Fellow will work as an HLA staff attorney and be active in all facets of its work. The Fellow will work closely with the Executive Director and other members of HLA's legal staff. This Fellowship is most appropriate for graduates who are interested in a fast-paced learning environment with immediate and direct client contact, representing clients in appeals before administrative agencies and in court and advocating for public policies to expand health care access. An emphasis will be placed on providing the Fellow with mentoring, training and network building to promote professional development.

The Parmet Fellow's primary responsibility will be representing vulnerable clients who are being denied access to or unfairly billed for health care, typically because of actions by health insurers or health care providers. HLA is also involved in state and federal litigation, including impact litigation, at various times and the Fellow will have opportunities to participate in such efforts when they occur. This Fellowship further allows the graduate to advance public policies and thereby blend direct client advocacy with policy work in health law. HLA's priority areas include federal and state health care reform implementation, children's mental health care access, immigrant health care access, children with disabilities, oral health, medical debt and disparities in health care.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must be members of the NUSL class of 2018 or recent NUSL graduates and must have a strong commitment to public interest law. Bar membership is not necessary, but willingness to take the July 2018 bar is essential. In addition, JD/MPH candidates graduating in November 2018 are eligible to apply provided that they 1) complete their last co-op with HLA in the fall of 2018, which would also serve as the beginning of their Fellowship; 2) are rule 3:03 certified at least three months prior to graduation and before the beginning of their Fall co-op at HLA; and 3) will sit for the February 2019 Bar Exam, with a reasonable period of time off to prepare as determined by HLA's needs and the Fellow.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:** \$43,000 annual salary, plus generous benefits including health and dental insurance, 3 weeks vacation, life insurance, long term disability insurance, and bar membership fees.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Applicants should submit a cover letter that includes a description of your long-term commitment to public interest law, resume, transcript, and a list of three references including titles and telephone numbers. Applications should be sent to:

Robert MacPherson, Chief Operating Officer  
Health Law Advocates  
One Federal Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

The deadline for submitting applications is January 30, 2018. The Executive Director will initially review and screen candidates based on the written application. Finalists will be invited for an interview(s). Decisions will be made by mid-February.

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