



THE FIND JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Mehri & Skalet, PLLC is a law firm that brings class actions and complex litigation cases to protect Americans from unfair or discriminatory practices. Our areas of practice include civil rights and anti-discrimination law, consumer protection, securities, antitrust, wage and hour violations, and the False Claims Act. The Mehri & Skalet Find Justice Fellowship will introduce a promising new attorney to our public-spirited practice.

The attorneys of Mehri & Skalet are dedicated to using the legal system to serve the public interest. As a firm, our mission is to bring cases that make a difference to our clients, and to achieve real and lasting change in the treatment of people of color, women, consumers, employees, and many other groups that do not receive fair and equal treatment. In addition to achieving real results for our clients, and those they represent in class actions, we focus on achieving systemic reforms in the way things are done in the workplace and in the marketplace.

Lawyers at Mehri & Skalet have been involved in some of the most significant employment discrimination cases in history, including: *Roberts v. Texaco Inc.*, No. 94-CIV-2015 (S.D.N.Y. 1997); *Ingram v. The Coca-Cola Company*, No. 1:98-CV-3679 (N.D. Ga. 2001); *Robinson v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. 1:02-CV-844 (S.D. Ohio 2005); *Augst-Johnson v. Morgan Stanley & Co.*, No. 1:06-CV-01142 (D.D.C. 2007); *Amochaev v. Citigroup Global Markets d/b/a Smith Barney*, No. C-05-1298 (N.D. Cal. 2008).

The firm also works in coalition with non-profit advocacy groups to achieve real and lasting reforms in the U.S. workplace. Mehri & Skalet along with the National Council of Women's Organizations launched the Women on Wall Street Project in April of 2006, which is dedicated to investigating and litigating claims of gender discrimination in the financial services industry. In January 2009, Mehri & Skalet and the NAACP announced the Madison Avenue Project, which is confronting historic and pervasive race discrimination against African-Americans in the advertising industry.

Mehri & Skalet is also at the forefront of other civil rights issues. The firm advocates for greater diversity among head coaches, scouts, and front office personnel in the National Football League (NFL) and was instrumental in developing the "Rooney Rule". Recently, the firm announced a proposed class action settlement with John Hancock Life Insurance Company to resolve allegations that until the 1960s it did not sell life insurance to African-Americans or sold African-Americans inferior policies.

In addition to civil rights, we are committed to consumer rights and defending consumers from unfair and deceptive practices. In 2006, Mehri & Skalet settled a nationwide class action against Dell, Inc. and Dell Financial Services, L.P. on behalf of consumers who purchased Dell products with Dell financing and who were misled about finance charges and late fees. The settlement provided refunds to class members, and the companies agreed to modify their sales and financing practices.

Currently, Mehri & Skalet is litigating several consumer protection class actions, including mortgage lending cases. For example, Mehri & Skalet has filed a nationwide class action alleging that Homecomings Financial, a mortgage servicing company, has violated state and federal laws by assessing improper late fees, wrongly assessing charges related to force-placed insurance, and conducting unnecessary and unauthorized property inspections.

The firm recently reached a settlement with Resurrection Health Care on behalf of uninsured patients who were charged higher fees than insured patients and subjected to unjust methods of collecting overdue bills. The settlement includes monetary relief to the class as well as a reduction in fees charged to uninsured patients and systemic changes in billing and collection procedures.

In an effort to further our mission of public justice, we have created the Mehri & Skalet Find Justice Fellowship, which offers a new attorney the opportunity to join the firm and gain experience on the wide range of cases that we pursue. The Find Justice Fellow will work with the firm's attorneys on all aspects of our employment and consumer practices, including the investigation of new cases, client relations, discovery, motion practice, negotiations, litigation strategy, and court appearances.

The Fellowship duration is for two years beginning in the Fall of 2009. Compensation will be \$50,000 per year with full health benefits.

The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to public interest legal work and a strong academic background. Candidates should have volunteer, professional, and/or subject matter expertise demonstrating that s/he possesses skills relevant to the firm's practice areas and mission.

An applicant must submit: (1) a cover letter highlighting her/his commitment to public interest law; (2) a resume; (3) two letters of recommendation; (4) a law school transcript; and (5) a relevant legal writing sample. Please submit all materials to:

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Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

For more information on the Fellowship, the firm and our precedent-setting cases, visit our website at www.findjustice.com. Mehri & Skalet, PLLC is an equal opportunity employer.