

Nora Freeman Engstrom, David Freeman Engstrom, and the Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession are excited to offer a paid fellowship, available to current law students, beginning this fall. The Rhode Center will select up to six new Civil Justice Fellows to contribute to original scholarship; support ongoing projects; and generate ideas for policy advocacy, public programming, and research.

2026-2027 will be the fifth year of the Civil Justice Fellows program. The Fellowship includes regular meetings with CLP's co-directors, other Fellows, and staff to share progress and seek feedback; opportunities for writing and research; and, for interested students, involvement in or attendance at annual conferences and other events. Over the past two years, Civil Justice Fellows completed wide-ranging research and writing regarding multidistrict litigation, access to justice, regulations governing the practice of law, and law and technology. Some examples of their work include the following:

- Conducting first-of-its-kind research regarding [litigation transparency](#)
- Developing the [American Law Institute's Principles of the Law, High-Volume Civil Adjudication Project](#)
- Creating a groundbreaking [multi-district litigation toolkit](#) for use by judges, litigants, academics, and the broader public
- Leading a trailblazing [partnership](#) with the Los Angeles Superior Court that aims to identify innovations to improve access to justice in the nation's largest trial court system
- Advocating to the California state legislature for access to justice related reforms
- Attending conferences and project meetings at The American Law Institute in Philadelphia, at the Los Angeles Superior Court, and on Stanford's Campus

Fellows will be expected to sign on for at least two of the three quarters of the 2026-2027 academic year (at each Fellow's election), including optional on-campus opportunities before classes begin in September 2026. In active quarters, the expected time commitment is between eight and ten hours per week.

To apply: please submit, as one compiled document, a brief letter of interest (no more than two pages), resume, transcript (unofficial is fine), and list of two references (including at least one Stanford Law School faculty member) [here](#). Please feel free to reach out to Matt Brundage (mdbrunda@law.stanford.edu) in advance with any questions. Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2026.