JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP AT NEUFELD SCHECK & BRUSTIN, LLP

Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP (NSB) (www.nsbcivilrights.com) seeks applicants for an immediate opening for the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Civil Rights Fellowship. NSB is a small plaintiffs’ civil rights law firm in New York City devoted primarily to police misconduct and other civil rights and constitutional litigation. Formerly Cochran Neufeld & Scheck, LLP, the firm was founded in 1998 by Peter Neufeld, Barry Scheck and the late Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. NSB currently is lead counsel in approximately 25 individual and multi-plaintiff cases throughout the country, each of which with potential to promote systemic reforms in police departments and other large private and public institutions throughout the United States. Many of NSB’s cases are § 1983 suits on behalf of exonerees seeking redress for their wrongful convictions.

The Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Civil Rights Fellowship represents NSB’s commitment to helping train the next generation of civil rights lawyers. The selection criteria and process reflect NSB’s goal to identify an early-career lawyer with a demonstrated commitment to civil rights and social justice. Applicants also must possess exceptional analytical and writing skills and creativity, as well as the ability to work independently and undertake significant responsibility from the outset of the fellowship.

NSB is currently recruiting for a fellowship position beginning as soon as possible, and no later than fall 2019. Candidates with 1-5 years of litigation experience—such as in a judicial clerkship or at a law firm—or other relevant social justice work experience are preferred. The fellow should also be a member of the NY bar or willing to become a member of the NY bar.

The salary for the first year of the fellowship is $90,000, plus benefits, including loan repayment assistance. The fellowship salary increases in the second year.

Former NSB civil rights fellows have gone on to a variety of positions in the field of civil rights law, including representing indigent defendants and Guantanamo detainees, as well as teaching law at the University of Virginia, Yale University, Fordham University, the City University of New York, Columbia University and the University of Texas at Austin, and clerkships with federal appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court.
Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP is committed to serving its diverse clientele and creating an environment welcoming to people of all backgrounds. The firm strongly encourages applications from persons of color, persons of all genders and sexual orientations, and persons with disabilities.

To apply send a resume, cover letter (discussing the applicant’s commitment to civil rights/social justice and his or her long-term goals), transcript, writing sample and list of references to fellows@nsbcivilrights.com. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.