

Compassion & Choices Summer 2024 Legal Fellowship

Compassion & Choices is the nation's oldest, largest, and most active nonprofit organization committed to improving care and expanding choice at the end of life. Across the nation, we work to ensure healthcare providers honor and enable patients' decisions about their care. To make this vision a reality, Compassion & Choices works nationwide in state legislatures, Congress, courts, medical settings, and communities to:

- Empower people with information and tools to receive healthcare consistent with their values and priorities as they approach the end of life.
- Advance policies that allow people to make fully informed decisions about their healthcare, such as improving hospice and palliative care and ending unwanted medical treatment.
- Secure legal victories that advance patient-directed care, bodily autonomy, and self-determination.
- Authorize and implement medical aid in dying to allow mentally capable adults in their final weeks or months of a terminal disease to advance the time of death and end unbearable suffering.

Compassion & Choices is pleased to offer a law student or recent law graduate a remote/hybrid/in-person (with a preference for candidates in Portland, OR or Washington, DC), 10-week, full-time, summer legal fellowship. Under the supervision of highly experienced staff attorneys, legal fellows will serve as part of a nationwide advocacy effort to improve care and expand choice at the end of life.

The legal fellowship specifically focuses on Compassion & Choices' state and federal litigation efforts but may include opportunities to work on policy initiatives. Work will primarily consist of case support, research, and writing on issues related to end-of-life healthcare, which are likely to involve constitutional, civil, and criminal law. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Fellows should have:

1. Interest in litigation and advocacy related to end-of-life healthcare issues including, but not limited to, medical aid in dying, advance directives, medical malpractice, fundamental rights, free speech, and religious exemptions.
2. Experience or interest in civil rights and social justice advocacy. Additional experience on other constitutional issues such as reproductive, LGBTQ+, and

disability rights is a plus.

3. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
4. The ability to work independently and cooperatively with different people.
5. Comfort discussing issues related to death and dying.
6. Advanced computer and legal research skills, including proficiency in Westlaw.
7. A demonstrated commitment to and active support of C&C's Diversity & Inclusion program.

Compassion & Choices will pay each legal fellow \$1250/week in compensation but cannot offer benefits.

Compassion & Choices is committed to non-discrimination in employment.

To Apply:

Please email a letter of interest and a current resume in a single combined .pdf file to Amitai Heller, Senior Staff Attorney for Compassion & Choices, to LegalJobs@compassionandchoices.org. Please title applications using the following format: 2024 Legal Fellow [Last Name, First Name]. In your letter of interest, please specify your preferred location: Portland, OR, Washington, DC, or remote.

Applications must be received by January 28, 2024, to ensure consideration. We will review applications at the end of January.

