DFEH Announces 2019 Civil Rights Honors Program

DFEH seeks recent law school graduates to work as Civil Rights Fellows in its one-year Honors Program.

Sacramento – The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) announced today that it is recruiting for its 2019 Civil Rights Honors Program. The program provides recent law school graduates the opportunity to work for one-year as a Civil Rights Fellow in the DFEH’s Legal Division. Successful applicants will work alongside DFEH’s attorneys on investigations, mediations and litigation of civil rights cases.

DFEH’s mission is to enforce California’s civil rights laws, including the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, Ralph Civil Rights Act, Trafficking Victims Protection Act, California Government Code section 11135 (recipients of state funding and contractors) and Disabled Persons Act. DFEH recruits competitive applicants who share its commitment to protecting the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, business, and from hate violence and human trafficking.

“The Civil Rights Honors Program serves as a pipeline into the legal profession for recent law school graduates seeking to use their legal expertise to serve the public.” said Director Kevin Kish. “Civil Rights Fellows get hands-on experience working on compelling civil rights issues and learn invaluable skills through the program.”

Applications for the Civil Rights Honors Program are due by March 1, 2019. The fellowship position is a paid civil service position known as a Graduate Legal Assistant. Applicants are required to take the on-line civil service examination and to submit an application, including a cover letter, resume, and writing sample. Additional information and instructions are available on the DFEH website at: http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/jobs/

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The DFEH is the state agency charged with enforcing California’s civil rights laws. The mission of the DFEH is to protect the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations and from hate violence and human trafficking. For more information, visit the DFEH’s web site at www.dfeh.ca.gov.