George Washington University Law School’s Criminal Justice Clinic seeks a clinical fellow for the 2021-2023 academic years. In recognition of the generous gift of Philip Friedman, the fellows are known as Friedman Fellows.

The 2021-2023 Friedman Fellowships begin July 1, 2021. The fellow will be based in the Criminal Justice Clinic, which will launch in Fall 2021. The Clinic will focus primarily on defending people in criminal proceedings in Washington D.C., as well as possible on related policy work connected to racial and/or economic justice and criminal law. Friedman Fellows supervise law students in their legal work and teach in the classroom alongside experienced clinical faculty.

We currently seek applications from candidates with strong academic and lawyering experience. Lawyers with background and experience in criminal defense or juvenile defense work are preferred. A competitive applicant will have relevant experience in criminal defense; juvenile justice; teaching; and/or related public interest litigation. We particularly seek applicants who took a clinic in law school and who have an interest in clinical and/or law school teaching.

Minimum qualifications: J.D.; at least two years practice experience; ability to manage a demanding case load; excellent time management, priority-setting, and organizational skills. Strong written and oral advocacy skills. Excellent interpersonal skills, flexibility, and demonstrated ability to work well independently and as part of a team.

Throughout their two years in residence, fellows receive specific instruction and guidance in teaching and supervising law students and in writing scholarship for publication. The program provides fellows with mentorship and support from the clinical faculty and administration.

Fellows receive an annual stipend and are eligible for University employment benefits, such as health insurance, tuition assistance, and other benefits related to law school affiliation. Fellows must be members of a state bar. Candidates who are not members of the D.C. Bar must be eligible for immediate waiver into the D.C. Bar.

By February 12, 2021, applicants should send a letter of interest, a resume, a list of references, a writing sample, and a complete law school transcript to clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu. Questions can also be submitted to clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu. The George Washington University Law School is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. The University undertakes special efforts to employ a diverse workforce.