



JUDGE GREGORY L. WALLER  
—PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FELLOWSHIP—

THE APPLICATION PACKET

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**Description of Fellowship:** The Judge Gregory L. Waller Public Interest Legal Fellowship is designed to incentivize qualified law students and recently admitted lawyers interested in public interest legal opportunities in Wichita, Kansas as a prosecutor with the Office of the District Attorney or the City of Wichita; a public defender; a lawyer with the Kansas Legal Services Office; or, another public service organization, to launch their career in Wichita and become an active member of the legal community. Full funding of the Fellowship is contingent upon successful alignment with program objectives. The Fellowship will fulfill its goal by supplementing the salaries and benefits of public interest employment in the following manner: (1) reimbursement of the cost of bar exam study program(s), bar exam fees and related expenses not to exceed \$3,750.00; (2) a six month housing and other expense stipend of \$1,000.00 per month; (3) mentorship with an active member of the Wichita Bar Association; and, (4) payment of Wichita Bar Association membership fees for a three-year period.

**Minimum Requirements and Competencies:** (1) A law degree from an accredited law school, or expected by the spring of 2025; (2) a strong and demonstrated commitment to public service; (3) excellent research, writing, and analytical skills as demonstrated through an internship, clinical, or other work experience, or writing samples (no minimum GPA required); (4) demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and to develop and maintain positive relationships with individuals and community organizations; and (5) effective written and oral communication skills in both legal and non-legal settings.

**To Apply:** Please [click here](#) to fill out the online application and save as a PDF to be included in the application packet, and submit PDF versions of the following: (1) a resume, (2) a cover letter (500 word maximum) describing your experiences with a commitment to public interest, public service, and/or human rights, aspirations for future work in Wichita, and the ways in which the fellowship will help achieve your aspirations, and (3) a legal writing sample to [WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org](mailto:WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org).



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**Application and selection process:** Applications are due on February 26, 2024, by 11:59 PM Central Standard Time. The deadline will be strictly enforced. Following an initial review of applications, the Fellowship Selection Committee will select semi-finalists. Semi-finalists will be invited to submit a list of three professional or academic references, including their contact information and the nature of each reference's relationship to you (e.g., "supervisor," "professor," etc.). In addition, a telephone/video interview will be required of all semi-finalists. We will invite you to submit these additional materials only if you are selected as a semi-finalist. Please note that the Fellowship Selection Committee will not personally inform every applicant regarding the status of their application. The Committee will contact all applicants when the selection of semi-finalists has been completed. A group of finalists will be selected and will be required to appear for an interview with the Fellowship Selection Committee. The Fellowship recipients will be announced on May 14, 2024.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the Waller Fellowship, please contact the Fellowship Selection Committee by emailing [WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org](mailto:WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org).

**Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion:** The Waller Fellowship embraces diversity and inclusion in our workplace and strongly encourages all candidates to apply.

**Accessibility Assistance:** Although calls will not be accepted regarding questions about the position, if you are an individual with a disability and need assistance completing the online application, please call Virдена Gilkey at (316) 263-2251 and ask for an applicant accommodation or send an email with the subject line "Applicant Accommodation" to [WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org](mailto:WallerFellowship@wichitabar.org).