



The **Opportunity** Agenda

JUDGE ROBERT L. CARTER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE OPPORTUNITY AGENDA

In 2007, The Opportunity Agenda launched a fellowship program named for acclaimed civil rights lawyer and jurist Robert L. Carter. The program honors and continues Judge Carter's legacy of unflinching commitment to justice, intellectual excellence, and the integration of law and social science knowledge to improve the lives of all Americans.

The two-year fellowships enable an attorney to work at The Opportunity Agenda on pressing social justice issues. The fellows' activities draw from Judge Carter's pioneering work with Drs. Kenneth and Mamie Clark and other social scientists and lawyers to demonstrate the legal and psychological harms of segregation and discrimination, as well as the benefits of equality, for all Americans.

Over the course of the two years, the fellows' activities might include:

- Original and secondary research on opportunity and human rights issues
- Developing and promoting effective policy solutions
- Expert testimony before judicial, legislative, and administrative bodies
- Litigation support and friend-of-the-court briefs in ongoing cases
- Legal, policy, and research assistance to state and community-based coalitions
- Media advocacy and appearances

The fellows are supervised by The Opportunity Agenda's Executive Director, Alan Jenkins, and Director of Law and Advocacy, Juhu Thukral, and work closely with research, advocacy, and communications staff.

Fellows are chosen based on their demonstrated commitment to social justice and human rights, as well as their intellectual promise and achievements.

Supporting the Robert L. Carter Fellowship

We seek to fund, and eventually endow, the fellowship program through fundraising from former Carter law clerks, law firms, foundations, and individual donors. In doing so, we would exercise particular care to ensure compliance with the Code of Judicial Ethics and other legal and ethical standards.

About The Opportunity Agenda

The Opportunity Agenda is a non-partisan public interest organization with the mission of building the national will to expand opportunity in America. We use strategic communications, research, law, and advocacy to move public support and public policy toward greater and more equal opportunity for all.