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**National Association of Consumer Advocates
Class of 2026 2-Year Fellowship
Access Justice Brooklyn & The Law Office of Ahmad Keshavarz**

NACA Fellowship Overview

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) is offering **two** 2-year consumer law fellowships to upcoming law graduates who are expected to sit for the July 2026 Bar exam.

Fellows will be paid as an employee of a NACA Member legal services/public interest organization (“host organization”). Access Justice Brooklyn is advertising this opportunity as **an approved host organization** for this fellowship; a full list of host organizations and projects can be found [here](#).

Application Process

Email your resume and a [completed application form](#) to fellowship@consumeradvocates.org. All completed applications must be received by **January 15, 2026**. For additional details, please see the [NACA website](#).

Our Project

In year one, the fellow will be placed with [Access Justice Brooklyn](#), a non-profit legal services organization, and in year two, they will be placed at [The Law Office of Ahmad Keshavarz](#), a private consumer law firm. This fellowship, and most related work performed by the fellow, will be located in Brooklyn, New York.

During the fellow's year one placement with Access Justice Brooklyn, they will initially concentrate on providing limited-scope representation on a variety of consumer credit matters, including credit cards and personal loans, auto loans, rent arrears, and other debt collection cases brought against Brooklyn residents in civil court. The fellow will gain experience in court through the Volunteer Lawyer for the Day Program, where AJB takes an average of 45 to 50 cases for limited-scope representation every week, and will quickly gain significant experience with state procedural law, personal jurisdiction issues and motions to dismiss, and state-law claims in the above areas. As the year progresses, the fellow will take on more cases for full representation and build their litigation skills, with a focus on more complex matters such as auto loan cases or cases wrongfully brought in state trial court, as well as affirmative litigation in state and federal court.

In the second year, the fellow will work with The Law Office of Ahmad Keshavarz, a private firm representing consumers in (Fair Debt Collection Practices Act) FDCPA lawsuits. Much of the firm's practice is the “flip side” of AJB's work of defending consumers from wrongful debt collection litigation in civil court, and the wrongful collection of resulting judgments. For example, the firm sues debt collection attorneys for obtaining and executing on sewer service judgments – and then fighting a consumer's order to show cause to vacate despite overwhelming evidence that the



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affidavit of service is false, dragging out proceedings to exhaust the consumer. The firm also sues debt collectors who unlawfully restrain the bank accounts constraining exempt funds, such as retirement, disability, or unemployment funds. This is rewarding work for anyone interested in quickly gaining experience in doing federal litigation that many attorneys do not get for years, and dovetails with the work handled by the fellow during their placement with AJB in year one.

Qualifications

- Eligible applicants should be 2026 law graduates, or recent law graduates currently completing judicial clerkships
- Demonstrated passion for social justice and pro bono work
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Litigation experience is desirable, but not required
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment and manage time independently
- Strong interpersonal skills, particularly in interacting with individuals from many different cultures and backgrounds

Compensation

The salary for this position will be up to \$80,000 per year; salary and benefits will be administered by Access Justice Brooklyn for both years of the fellowship.

Who We Are

Founded in 1990, **Access Justice Brooklyn (AJB)** provides high-quality, pro bono legal services and community education to our neighbors in need. Using the collective talents of our dedicated staff and volunteers, we help ensure a more accessible legal system and equitable Brooklyn. We provide direct civil legal services and community legal education in essential areas of life – family stability, economic security, and housing – to address critical issues that affect Brooklyn residents each day, and to close the justice gap for individuals without representation.

The Law Office of Ahmad Keshavarz is a two-person law firm that has represented consumers for over 20 years in cutting-edge issues, resulting in major rulings in this field. The firm primarily sues debt collection law firms in federal court for violating the FDCPA, in addition to suits against credit reporting agencies or furnishers of credit information for violating the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and suits against banks under the Electronic Funds Transfers Act (EFTA). This is public interest work in the private firm context, and many of the firm's cases involve co-counseling with New York City-area legal services organizations.