2014–2016 JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP
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The Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Civil Rights Fellowship will be awarded for a two-year term, beginning fall 2014. The Fellow will receive $55,000 for the first year, or, if he or she has one year of clerkship experience, $60,000 for the first year, with an increase the second year, plus benefits.

The selection criteria and process reflect NSB’s goal to identify a recent graduate with a demonstrated commitment to civil rights and social justice. Applicants also must possess exceptional analytical and writing skills and creativity, as well as the ability to work independently and undertake significant responsibility from the outset of the Fellowship. NSB has a strong preference for an applicant who will have completed a judicial clerkship by fall 2014. The Fellow should also be a member of the NY bar by fall 2014 or willing to become a member of the NY bar.

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