



Columbia Law School
Public Interest Honorees
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Celebrating Columbia students working for the public good

2022 Public Interest Honorees

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Social Justice Initiatives All-Star Honorees

The following students have demonstrated their commitment to public interest and public service by being named in three or more of our honoree categories.

Terresa Adams

Anna Magdalena Bartlett van Niekerk

Ekaterina Botchkareva

Amanda Cabal

Iris Carbonel

Susannah R. Cohen

Diana Costin

Emily Drake

Raisa Elhadi

Nkechi Erondu

Adaeze Eze

Jillian Farley

Samuel Fishman

Jessica Gadea Hawkins

Daimiris Garcia

Abie Green

Maggie Hadley

Madeline Holbrook

Alison Hung

Nina Jaffe-Geffner

Danae Johnson

Ailee Katz

Hyun Kim

Kathryn Kobriger

Bianca Larez Chavez

Angel Li

Geesu Lee

Jeremy R. Lee

Gus Leinbach

Andrew Mange

Bridgett McCoy

Anna Belle Newport

Stephanie Nnadi

Haley Rea

Rachel Rein

Kristen Schnell

Rachel Seller

Sana Shahzad

Roger Tejada

Brandon Vines

Dante Violette

Oren Vitenson

One Hundred or More Hours of Pro Bono Work

The following students have demonstrated their commitment to serving the public good by performing at least 100 hours of pro bono service since their first day at Columbia Law School.

Karna Adam	Ailee Katz
Dola Adebayo	Yardena Katz
Farouk Al-Salihi	Randall Kaufman
Larisa Antonisse	Howard Kim
Christine Archer	Gabrielle Kloppers
Tamuz Avivi	Jain Avesh Krishna
Anna Magdalena Bartlett van Niekerk	Magdalene Lam Jia Hui
Elizabeth Bartzokis	Peter Landau
Nathan Bodger	Bradley Larson
Katherine Bogomolova	Jeremy R. Lee
Ekaterina Botchkareva	Henry Litwhiler
Annelise Brinck-Johnsen	Mengxuan Ma
Adam Bryla	Zoe Makoul
Iris Carbonel	Andrew Mange
Emmanuel Caulkins	Olivia Martinez
Samuel Chestna	Bridgett McCoy
Adia Davis	John McReynolds
Raisa Elhadi	Alexandra Meek
Ella Epstein	Kan Ni
Nkechi Erundu	Alex Padilla
Andrew Faisman	Dmytro Panchenko
Rawda Fawaz	Emily Park
Ashley Fleck	Reid Pickett
Celeste Fleetwood	Grace Pyo
Daimiris Garcia	Sarah Pyun
Jake Glendenning	Rachel Rein
John Goldberg-Richmeier	Brian Reiser
Lynn Mara Greenberg	Yerick Reyes
Abigail Greene	Charles Rice
Edward Harrington	Megan Scott-Busenbark
Arjan S. Heir	Rachel Seller
Jona Hoxha	Abby Shamray
George Hsu	Esther Stefanini
Alison Hung	Quentin Ullrich
Danae Johnson	Reno Varghese
Morgan Kaplan	Brandon Vines
Anita Kapyur	Dante Violette
Gili Karev	Oren Vitenson

Tanner Wadsworth
Benjamin Weissler
Elizabeth White
Roselyn Wu

Wendy Wu
Ece Yagci
Ruocheng Yin

Entering Public Interest or Public Service Immediately After Graduation

The following 3Ls and LL.M.s have been identified as students who plan to work at public interest, government, or human rights organizations or to clerk for a judge immediately after graduation.

Cody Aceveda	Danae Johnson
Sam Ackerman	Gatuyu Justice
Cassandra Allen	Esther Kang
Skanda Amarnath	Dimitra Karakioulaki
Larisa Antonisse	Ailee Katz
Fatima Anwar	Zeinab Khalil
Anna Magdalena Bartlett van Niekerk	Nabila Khan
Riya Basnet	Maneka Khanna
Ian Berkelaar	Daniel Kim
Ekaterina Botchkareva	Hyun Kim
Amanda Cabal	Kathryn Kobriger
Domenic Canonico	Charles Koepp
Adam Chan	Bianca Larez Chavez
Alice Chan	Geesu Lee
Susannah R. Cohen	Vivien Lee
Allegra Collins	Gus Leinbach
Diana Costin	Tanner Lockhead
Judith Donkoh	Andrew Mange
Emily Drake	Bridgett McCoy
Raisa Elhadi	Anahi Mendoza
Cagatay Ersoy	Damonta Morgan
Adaeze Eze	Jumpei Nagaoka
Samuel Fishman	Blánaid Ní Chearnaigh
Shira Flugelman	Alexandra Nickerson
Lucas Forbes	Christine Nikander
Jessica Gadea Hawkins	Stephanie Nnadi
Mary Gardner	Arpan Patel
Ray Gdula	Faiz Pirani
Malina Gepp	Stewart Pollock
Abie Green	Grace Pyo
Maggie Hadley	Beata Raczynska
Yohanna Hailu	Shanna Priangka Ramadhanti
Colin Henderson	Rachel Rein
Madeline Holbrook	Brian Reiser
Nina Jaffe-Geffner	Paul Augustus Riley, Jr.
Conrad Jeong	Kiara Rogers

Orla Said
Aninda Savitri
Kristen Schnell
Rachel Seller
Stuti Shah
Sana Shahzad
Paul Sherman
Sanjana Srikumar
Ninni Susan Thomas
Paloma Van Groll

Reno Varghese
Sol Angélica Vázquez Ortiz
Brandon Vines
Oren Vitenson
Tanner Wadsworth
Allen Wang
Tristan Whisenant
Inès Zamouri
Nian Zhan
Manny Zhang

Two Public Interest or Public Service Summers

These students kicked off their public interest or public service careers by completing two summers in public interest or public service.

Cassandra Allen	Bianca Larez Chavez
Anna Magdalena Bartlett van Niekerk	Geesu Lee
Ekaterina Botchkareva	Vivien Lee
Amanda Cabal	Gus Leinbach
Domenic Canonico	Andrew Mange
Susannah R. Cohen	Bridgett McCoy
Diana Costin	Anahi Mendoza
Emily Drake	Faiz Pirani
Raisa Elhadi	William Richardson
Adaeze Eze	Israel Rosenberg
Samuel Fishman	Kristen Schnell
Daimiris Garcia	Nicholas Schwarz
Abie Green	Rachel Seller
Madeline Holbrook	Sana Shahzad
Alison Hung	Roger Tejada
Nina Jaffe-Geffner	Reena Tessler
Danae Johnson	Steven Trebach
Ailee Katz	Brandon Vines
Daniel Kim	Dante Violette
Hyun Kim	Oren Vitenson
Kathryn Kobriger	Allen Wang
Charles Koepp	Tristan Whisenant
Benjamin Koslowe	

Three or More Experiential Learning Semesters

Going above and beyond the Law School's experiential credit requirement, these students completed three or more experiential learning semesters, serving the public interest through offerings such as externships with public interest organizations or government agencies and clinical work with clients.

Siobhan Allen
Annel Becerra Rodriguez
Ekaterina Botchkareva
Amanda Cabal
Iris Carbonel
Nicole Castillo
Diana Costin
Emily Dennan
Raisa Elhadi
Nkechi Erongu
Samuel Fishman
Daimiris Garcia
Stephanie Guzmán
Madeline Holbrook
Alison Hung

Ailee Katz
Zeinab Khalil
Magdalene Lam Jia Hui
Gus Leinbach
Tanner Lockhead
Andrew Mange
Bridgett McCoy
Stephanie Nnadi
Jeremy R. Lee
Rachel Rein
Leslie Ridings
Paul Augustus Riley, Jr.
Sana Shahzad
Emma Shreve
Brandon Vines

New York State Bar Pro Bono Scholars

Announced by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman in his 2014 State of the Judiciary address, the Pro Bono Scholars Program allows students to devote their last semester in law school to a program that combines a dedicated law school class with pro bono service for the underserved. In the last two years, our Pro Bono Scholars have had placements at the Urban Justice Center, the Legal Aid Society, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Advocates for Children, the Bronx Defenders, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Sanctuary for Families, Start Small/Think Big, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, and Volunteers for Legal Services Micro-Enterprise Project. The 2022 Pro Bono Scholars took the February 2022 New York State bar exam and will be admitted soon after graduation.

Dola Adebayo
Iris Carbonel
Erika Carter
Raisa Elhadi

Abie Green
Geesu Lee
Jeremy R. Lee
Gus Leinbach

Zoe Makoul
Lauren Smith
Sandeep Somisetty
Esther Stefanini

Davis Polk Leadership Initiative Fellows and Grantees

The Davis Polk Leadership Initiative helps students become leaders in their careers and their lives. Through courses, fellowship and grant opportunities, co-curricular and extracurricular offerings, and coaching and mentorship, the Leadership Initiative enables students to exercise self-awareness, identify values and goals, tackle complex challenges, empower collaborative groups to achieve collective aims, and have meaningful impact in the public and private sectors.

Davis Polk Leadership Initiative Fellows

Zhuoran Chen

James Clinton Francis

Maria de la Cruz Rodriguez Martinez

Yashvi Ganeriwala

Simeon Toronto

Davis Polk Leadership Initiative Innovation Grant Recipients

Annah Akhoun-Murat

Sania Anwar

Jessica Gadea Hawkins

Amrita Mohan

Onuoha Odim

Gal Shargil

Roger Tejada

Giselle Valdez

Max Berger '71 Public Interest/Public Service Fellows

Launched in 2019, the Public Interest/Public Service (PI/PS) Fellows Program brings together a community of students committed to pursuing careers in public interest, human rights, or government immediately upon graduation. The three-year program is built on four pillars: community, mentoring, professional development and reflective learning, and career and curricular counseling.

PI/PS Fellows benefit from a diverse cohort of peers and receive in-depth support, guidance, and experience as they explore the many facets of public interest and public service work in the United States and abroad. PI/PS Fellows meet regularly and use their time in the Program to consider notions of justice and equity and think critically beyond the letter of the law. The following 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls are PI/PS Fellows.

*These PI/PS Fellows served as peer mentors to first-year students interested in public interest careers, classes, and activities.

Class of 2022

Ekaterina Botchkareva*	Daimiris Garcia	Bridgett McCoy*
Susannah R. Cohen*	Abie Green*	Stephanie Nnadi
Diana Costin	Ailee Katz	Sana Shahzad*
Emily Drake*	Hyun Kim	Roger Tejada
Raisa Elhadi*	Bianca Larez Chavez*	Brandon Vines*
Adaeze Eze	Geesu Lee	Dante Violette
Samuel Fishman	Gus Leinbach	Oren Vitenson

Class of 2023

Terresa Adams*	Nkechi Erundu	Anna Belle Newport*
Christopher Alter*	Fatima Hasanain*	Austin Owen
Hunter Baehren*	Chakshu Hurria*	Haley Rea*
Madhuri Belkale*	Emily Katz*	Tyler Ritchie*
Molly Bodurtha	Kathryn Kobriger	Emma Shumway
Likhitha Butchireddygar	William Leo*	Julianna Simms
Grace Coleman	Eileen Li	Patricia Stewart*
Kathrina Dabdoub*	Jonathan Lowry	Imani Thornton
Alexandra Doyle*	Laura McFeely*	Katherine Wilkin*

Class of 2024

Zartosht Ahlers	Jamie Jenkins	Kendrick Lu
Sarah Al-Shalash	Jack Jones	Ashley Marceus
Andrew Brazer	Zachary Kayal	Jordan McMeans
Ebba Brunnstrom	Divya Korada	Anaheed Mobaraki
Jackeline Carcamo	Stephen Kpundeh	Rohan Naik
Meanna Gechal Gray	Peyton Lepp	William Oh
Josh Jacob	Erika Lopez	Michael Orlando

Gabriela Ornelas
Elias Passas
Shuyu Qi
Priyanka Radhakrishnan
Harry Reis
Rubí Rodríguez
Namratha Somayajula
Nayzak Wali-Ali
Isabel Zúñiga

In-House Pro Bono Project Leaders

Columbia's student-run in-house pro bono projects are partnerships between Columbia Law School and legal services organizations or law firms in the community. In 2021-2022, our students demonstrated their commitment to service through numerous in-house projects registered with SJI's pro bono office.

Alabama Parole Representation with the Southern Poverty Law Center

Student Organizer: Maggie Hadley

Applying their knowledge of the Alabama parole system, volunteers prepared parole advocacy materials for people incarcerated in Alabama.

Alliance of Families for Justice

Student Organizer: Jillian Farley

The Alliance of Families for Justice (AFJ) provides support to incarcerated individuals and their loved ones through legal representation. The focus of AFJ's work is on legal issues that affect the rights, concerns, and quality of life of incarcerated people and their families. These issues may include a family member denied or banned from visiting their loved one or allegations of physical abuse by prison staff members. Students assisted the attorneys of AFJ by conducting legal research. *Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network*

Asian American Bar Association of New York Hate Crime Statute Research Project

Student Organizer: Angel Li

With the goal of fighting against the rise in Anti-Asian hate crimes, students conducted legal research on the New York Hate Crime Statute NYPL § 485.05. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund Exit Poll Project

Student Organizer: Angel Li

This project was aimed at protecting the rights of Limited English Proficient speakers at poll sites on Election Day. Students interacted with voters for the Asian American Voter Survey, capturing demographic data and documenting issues respondents faced. The data was reported to the Board of Elections in an observation letter and may lead to future litigation. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

Columbia Law School High School Law Institute

Student Organizer: Stephen Groh

The Columbia Law School High School Law Institute is a student-run organization that serves talented and motivated high school students throughout New York City. Participants served as teachers, leading high school students in weekly criminal law, constitutional law, and moot court courses. Although the material was geared toward the high school students, the courses were taught like law school classes, using cases and hypotheticals. *Student Group Sponsor: High School Law Institute*

HEART (Hate Eradication Active Response Team) Project with the Asian American Bar Association of New York

Student Organizer: Angel Li

Students supported Asian and Pacific Islander community members who suffered a bias incident or hate crime, including harassment, discrimination, or violence. Activities included research, client interviews, and criminal court proceeding observations and notetaking. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

Humanitarian Parole Application Project with the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network and the International Refugee Assistance Project

Student Organizer: Stephany Kim

Students worked with attorneys and interpreters to file humanitarian parole applications for Afghans in response to the crisis in Afghanistan. Tasks included document collection, form preparation, research of country conditions, and communicating with the petitioner and possibly the beneficiary. *Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

The Immigration Court Helpdesk (ICH) Program with Catholic Charities Community Services

Student Organizer: Angel Li

The principal purpose of ICH is to give immigrants support, information, and guidance through the immigration court process. Students assisted by providing one-on-one screenings and helping particularly vulnerable immigrants fleeing persecution to complete applications during pro se asylum clinics. *Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

International Refugee Assistance Project Pro Bono Case Work

Student Organizer: Stephany Kim

This project involved working with International Refugee Assistance Project attorneys to support and advise their clients. Participants were asked to stay staffed on each case until they graduate from law school to ensure the clients receive continuous and predictable assistance. *Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

The Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual

Student Leader: Samuel Fishman

The *Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual (JLM)* is a handbook of legal rights and procedures distributed to thousands of prisoners across the country each year by Columbia's *Human Rights Law Review*. Student volunteers wrote, updated, edited, and cite-checked discrete sections of the *JLM* and its various state supplements. Students interested in immigration law could also work on the *JLM Immigration Law Supplement*. *Student Group Sponsor: Human Rights Law Review*

Sanctuary for Families Anti-Trafficking Fellowship

Student Organizer: Tia Thomas

Sanctuary for Families Anti-Trafficking Fellowships are awarded to students who are committed to anti-trafficking work and seek to deepen their understanding of immigration and criminal law. These students worked to support the activities of Sanctuary for Families, including conducting immigration consultations and trafficking screenings of individuals identified as at-risk of commercial sexual

exploitation and assisting in follow-up criminal justice or immigration legal advocacy. *Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project*

Sanctuary for Families Courtroom Advocates Project

Student Organizer: Erin McKissick

The Courtroom Advocates Project assists survivors of domestic violence seeking to obtain orders of protection from Family Court. Students worked with survivors of domestic violence to file petitions with the court. They conducted interviews, gathered information, completed paperwork, and drafted orders of protection. *Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project*

Suspension Representation Project (SRP)

Student Organizer: Haley Rea

SRP is a pro bono project in which law students represent New York City public school students at their suspension hearings. Participants interviewed clients (students and parents), developed case theory, conducted cross- and direct examinations, and performed other tasks associated with the hearing. *Student Group Sponsor: Suspension Representation Project*

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) Unemployed Workers Project

Student Organizer: Angel Li

The VOLS Unemployed Workers Project (UWP) helps New Yorkers through the COVID-19 crises with legal assistance related to Unemployment Insurance and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Students returned calls to the UWP hotline, speaking with claimants about their unemployment insurance cases and inputting all contact with claimants onto VOLS' online case management system. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

The Young Center Child Advocate Program

Student Organizer: Angel Li

Students visited immigrant children facing immigration and deportation proceedings once a week during the duration of their shelter or facility stay, ensuring that their voices are heard in their legal process and advocating for their best interests. *Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights*

Sidley Austin LLP Spring Break Caravan Leaders

Many Columbia Law students spent their spring break doing pro bono work at organizations across the U.S. and abroad, providing much-needed legal assistance to underserved communities. We recognize the students who organized and lead these spring break caravans.

Asian American Bar Association of New York Clinic Caravan

Student Organizer: Angel Li

APALSA was happy to partner yet again with the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY) for a caravan. This year, assignments included shadowing volunteer attorneys at the hybrid pro bono clinics, creating PowerPoint slides on matters relating to consumer debt, housing, employment, family, and immigration law for the monthly legal presentations at the hybrid pro bono clinics or with Health First, and drafting memos on anti-Asian violence initiatives. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

Bronx Defenders Caravan

Student Organizer: Jillian Farley

The Bronx Defenders annually represents 27,000 low-income Bronx residents in criminal, civil, child welfare, and immigration cases, using its unique model of “holistic defense.” Each client is assigned a support team that includes not simply an attorney but also a social worker to identify the causes of the client’s criminal justice involvement and to protect them from the enmeshed penalties associated with their case. The focus is on not just getting people out of jail but keeping them out. Caravan participants assisted with a range of matters, including preparing for hearings and trials, locating, compiling, or transcribing key evidence, conducting legal research, writing legal motions and memoranda, and connecting clients with key services and resources. *Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network*

California Appellate Project Caravan

Student Organizer: Jillian Farley

The California Appellate Project of San Francisco (CAP-SF) is a nonprofit public interest law firm funded by the California Supreme Court to assist private attorneys appointed by the Court to represent condemned prisoners on death row. CAP-SF’s mission is to assist court-appointed counsel, provide professional training, publish litigation resource materials, research and draft pleadings, and investigate claims. Under the supervision of an experienced post-conviction attorney, caravan participants assisted with documentary support, record collection, investigative review, or research for counsel appointed to represent indigent persons incarcerated on California’s death row. *Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network*

Capital Appeals Project Caravan

Student Organizer: Terresa Adams

Students placed at Capital Appeals Project conducted research and drafted writing for Louisiana capital or non-unanimous jury cases and contributed to investigation projects through activities such as transcribing custodial statements, researching witnesses, or compiling and summarizing important mitigation records for clients. *Student Group Sponsor: Black Law Students Association*

California Women's Law Center Caravan

Student Organizer: Emily Berman

California Women's Law Center (CWLC) works in collaboration with legal services offices, pro bono attorneys, and other allies to protect, secure, and advance the comprehensive civil rights of women and girls. CWLC prides itself on forging novel approaches to the problems that confront women and girls, proposing unique strategies to implement those approaches, and recasting issues in new terms. CWLC has advocated for and achieved policy change on a wide range of issues, including gender discrimination and equality, Title IX enforcement, women's health and reproductive justice, economic security, and violence against women. Caravan participants researched issues around Title IX and sexual harassment, conducted intake interviews, and drafted letters relating to intake. *Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Law Women's Association*

Independent International Legal Advocates Caravan

Student Organizer: Ali Jimenez

Independent International Legal Advocates (IILA) works with small/developing States (SDS) to enhance their capacity, and therefore facilitate their effective participation, in the creation and application of international law. Students worked with IILA's lawyers on the full range of IILA's work, including assisting with projects for IILA's State clients, researching and developing content in the training of SDS legal teams, and supporting IILA's engagement with academic, practitioners, government legal advisers and other members of the international legal community to further IILA's mission. *Student Group Sponsor: Latinx Law Student Association*

Legal Reform in Tunisia Caravan

Student Organizer: Tara Kade

Right now, the only source of law in Tunisia comes from consent decrees that are being issued by the president. As such, the country's executive power has legislative control. The Tunisian Youth Leaders Organization is monitoring these decrees and writing monthly reports analyzing them. Columbia Law students assisted with reviewing these consent decrees and conducting legal analysis and advocacy. In their analysis, students focused on whether the decrees are in compliance with Decree Law 117 and the 2014 Constitution. *Student Group Sponsor: Middle Eastern Law Student Association*

NALSA Wisconsin Wills Caravan

Student Organizer: Abbe Petuchowski

The NALSA Wisconsin Wills Caravan works with Wisconsin Judicare, an organization that provides estate planning services to help tribal members living in Wisconsin exercise their rights over their land and property and ensure that their personal and cultural wishes are valued. Students supported tribal elders by drafting wills and estate planning documents, including end-of-life, health care, and financial decision making. Students also advised clients regarding the disposition of trust interests in land and financial documents. *Student Group Sponsor: Native American Law Student Association (NALSA)*

New York City Anti-Violence Project Caravan

Student Organizer: Nancy Marie Rich

Students worked with New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP) attorneys and other Legal Services Department staff, conducting client intakes, accompanying AVP attorneys and clients to court appearances, participating in training around working with LGBTQ survivors of violence, and assisting with community outreach. *Student Group Sponsor: OutLaws*

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project Caravan

Student Organizer: Angel Li

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) promotes justice by defending and advancing the rights of immigrants through direct legal services, systemic advocacy, and community education. During this caravan, students conducted client intakes, gathered relevant facts, and screened for potential immigration relief options, including but not limited to U visa eligibility. After completing assigned intakes, students assisted with legal research and analysis, application preparation, and evidence gathering as needed. *Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association*

Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans, LA Caravan

Student Organizer: Terresa Adams

The Orleans Public Defenders (OPD) provides the citizens of New Orleans with the highest quality client-centered legal representation in Louisiana's criminal and juvenile justice system. In this caravan, students helped further the mission of OPD by working on legal projects with the team. *Student Group Sponsor: Black Law Students Association*

Palestine Trek: Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories Caravan

Student Organizer: Rawda Fawaz

Al-Haq serves people living under Israeli occupation and advocates for the rights of prisoners, juveniles, refugees, and any Palestinian whose been displaced, unjustly treated, or arrested as a result of aggressive tactics that breach human rights laws. Al-Haq documents violations of the individual and collective rights of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator, and seeks to end such breaches by way of advocacy before national and international mechanisms and by holding the violators accountable. The organization conducts research, prepares reports, studies, and intervenes on breaches of international human rights and humanitarian law in the OPT, and undertakes advocacy before local, regional, and international bodies. Students participated in this research and aided in report-writing and preparation for advocacy both in Occupied Palestine and in front of relevant international bodies. *Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Law Students for Palestine*

Protecting Liberty Caravan

Student Organizer: Aaron Milevsky

Caravan participants worked with attorneys at the Institute for Justice in order to protect constitutional rights and promote freedom, assisting with cases in four specific areas: economic liberty, private property rights, educational choice, and the First Amendment. *Student Group Sponsor: Federalist Society*

Refugee Law Clinic Caravan**Student Organizer: Christina Schiciano**

As part of an annual exchange with Universität Hamburg, students conducted a legal research project to provide assistance to an NGO in the host country, attended lectures and presentations by migration and refugee law professors and practitioners in the host country, and connected with students participating in the host country's side of the exchange. *Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Society of International Law*

Texas Advocacy Project Caravan**Student Organizer: Angel Li**

The Texas Advocacy Project (TAP) provides legal services to survivors of domestic abuse. Students worked closely with staff attorneys on assisted pro se cases, helped staff attorneys with trial or hearing preparation as well as discovery. *Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project*

Veterans' Benefits Caravan with New York Legal Assistance Group**Student Organizer: Alec Schwartz**

Unsurprisingly, veterans suffering from mental health trauma often face disciplinary challenges during their time in service, which can cloud their military discharge status and place certain benefits, including healthcare, outside of their reach. Students worked on the discharge upgrade appeals process for low-income veterans who received a less than honorable discharge from military service. Activities included summarizing and identifying key facts from client personnel records, evaluating personnel records in light of military regulations, court holdings, leadership memoranda, and policies, researching case precedent, and drafting or editing client affidavits. *Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Law School Military Association*

2L Racial and Social Justice Fellows

As part of its efforts to advance racial justice in the Columbia community and beyond, the Law School invited applications from second-year J.D. students for the 2021-2022 Racial and Social Justice Fellowships. The Law School's Anti-Racism Steering Committee, created by Dean Gillian Lester, established the Columbia Law School Racial and Social Justice Fellowships in recognition of the unique role that lawyers can play in addressing structural racism and social inequality and of the desire of Columbia students to use their law degrees in furtherance of this work. The goal of the fellowship is to provide financial assistance during law school to facilitate students' pursuit of careers in racial justice, as well as to enhance opportunities for students of color in public interest careers. We congratulate the 2021-2022 fellows.

Terresa Adams
Arabella Colombier
Nkechi Erondu
Anna Belle Newport
Imani Thornton

Anti-Racism Grant Recipients

Columbia Law School created the Columbia Law School Anti-Racism Grantmaking Program (ARGP) in recognition of the continuing need to combat structural racism in our society and of the unique role that law and legal institutions can play in accelerating this change. The goal of the ARGP is to provide both financial and non-financial assistance to members of the Law School community for projects that will help dismantle racially subordinating policies, structures, or systems or otherwise help promote racial equity and inclusion. We congratulate the 2021-2022 grantees.

You Belong Here: Dismantling Unconscious Bias in Our Admissions Practices

Grantee: Jill M. Casal, Executive Director, Office of Graduate Degree Programs

This project's goal is to work to remove bias in Columbia Law School admissions processes, increase awareness of the Law School's commitment to inclusive and antiracist admissions practices and creating an inclusive community at the admissions and recruitment stage, and provide professional development for staff to advance these initiatives.

Portrait Project 2.0

Grantees: Sophia Han, Emily Park, Jerry Du, Emma Li

This project aims to address the issue of minority attrition at law firms, with particular attention to Asian American attorneys. There is currently no comprehensive study that examines the reasons Asian American lawyers decide to leave law firms or why they are leaving at such higher rates than other minority lawyers.

Alabama Parole Advocacy Project:

Grantees: Maggie Hadley, Ashley Austin, Angela S. Larsen, Emma R. Alzner, Priyanka Radhakrishnan

The Alabama Parole Advocacy Project is a student-run pro bono pilot project that draws on the Southern Poverty Law Center's institutional knowledge of Alabama prisons and parole. Since its launch in August 2021, student advocates have begun to develop training materials and managed cases.

A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual:

Grantee: Kristen Marie Schnell

First published in 1978, *A Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual* is a practical legal resource that provides incarcerated people with the information they need to exercise their rights across a wide range of issue areas. The grant will help provide free copies of our manual to incarcerated people across the United States.

Restorative Justice Initiative at CLS

Grantees: Jessica Gadea Hawkins, Elias Passas, Samuel Sontag, Angela S. Larsen, Jane Eleni Irons, William Oh

This project aims to create infrastructure to expose and train law students in restorative justice practices. The initiative is student-led and seeks to help students understand a practical alternative to incarceration such that it informs their lawyering going forward, particularly for those interested in criminal and other social justice practices.

Honorees for Public Interest Philanthropy

The following students led campaigns to raise funds for public interest legal work by their classmates or grassroots legal organizations.

Public Interest Law Foundation Board Members

James Barnett
Emily Berman
Sophia Borne
Gwynedd Cowan
Caroline Dorsey
Jessie Hsieh
Eileen Li
Cailin Liu
Emma Shreve
Brandon Vines
Reagan Williams

Dean's Cup Organizers

Michael Anderson
Spencer Ault
Vamsi Damerla
Jack Ginsberg
Sam Grigo
David Perdomo
Justin Perez
Stuti Shah
Shaniqua Shaw
Isaiah Strong
Larry Taylor III
Simeon Toronto
Ourania Yancopoulos

Philanthropic Supporters of Pro Bono, Summer, and Postgraduate Work

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