Class of 2023
Public Interest Honors Reception
Celebrating Columbia students working for the public good
April 19, 2023 | 6-9 p.m. at Faculty House
Hosted by Social Justice Initiatives
2023 Public Interest Honorees

Student Honoree Categories

- Entering Public Interest or Public Service Immediately After Graduation
- Completed Two Public Interest or Public Service Summers
- Public Interest/Public Service Fellows
- Public Interest/Public Service Mentors
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2023 Distinguished Graduate Honoree and Keynote Speaker

Joint Introduction to Keynote Speaker

Philanthropic Supporters of Pro Bono, Summer, and Postgraduate Work
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
Terresa Adams
Tanisha Aggarwal
Margaret Ajok
Isabel Alexiades
Natasha Almanzar-Sanchez
Christopher Alter
Soumya Anakkavur Katchi
Andrea Ashburn
Spencer Ault
Tal Avrhami
Hunter Baehren
Maysa Bashir
Jonah Baskin
Yusuf Bavi
Madhuri Belkale
Martina Berger
Ahlia Bethea
Harish Bhaskar
Molly Bodurtha
Matthew Brady
Likhitha Butchireddygari
Ho Yan Brian Choi
Parker Chusid
Grace Coleman
Arabella Colombier
Alyssa Curcio
Kathrina Dabdoub
Allie Doyle
Nkechi Erondu
Christopher Faroghi
Ashley Fleck
Valeria Flores-Morales
Noah Foster
Heidy L. Gonzalez
Alexander Gosanko
AJ Handler
Fatima Hasanain
Natsuki Hosoya
Yixin Huang
Chakshu Hurria
Catie Jennetta
John Jody
Veronica Naa Okaikor Josiah-Aryeh
Emily Katz
Tamar Katz
Kathryn Kobriger
Luke Koekkoek
Tanner Larkin
William Leo
Eileen Li
Olivia Lu
Olivia Martinez
Laura McFeely
Caleb Monaghan
Caito Moore
Jen Morton
Shruti Narayan
Natia Navrouzov
Anna Belle Newport
Anna Norman
Chioma Nwaodike
Lars Odland
Cristine Oh
Nicholas Opiyo
Austin Owen
Madison Pagel
Beatriz Pais Alderete
Abbe Petuchowski
Jules Pierre
Laura Quijano Ortiz
Haley Rea
Conor Regan
Tyler Ritchie
Eric Rolston
Jacob Rosenberg
Payoshi Roy
Josceline Sanchez
Anna Scheibmeir
Cosima Schelfhout

Emma Scheuer
Christina Schiciano
John Sherrick
Emma Shumway
Julianna Simms
P. Elizabeth Stewart
Shahar Syed
Elena Syman
Roger Antonio Tejada
Imani Thornton
Joshua Tupler
Alex VanRooyen
Cameron Wallace
Logan A. Wilke
Katherine Wilkin
Camille Wrightson

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**Completed 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.

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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: (1) community, (2) mentoring, (3) professional development and reflective learning, and (4) 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 3Ls are PI/PS Fellows.

Christopher Alter
Hunter Baehren
Madhuri Belkale
Molly Bodurtha
Likhitha Butchireddygarri
Grace Coleman
Kathrina Dabdoub
Allie Doyle
Nkechi Erondu
Fatima Hasanain
Chakshu Hurria
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Public Interest/Public Service Mentors

The following students served as Public Interest/Public Service Mentors, providing first-year students with guidance on academic, extracurricular, and professional pursuits related to public interest and public service law.

Terresa Adams
Christopher Alter
Hunter Baehren
Madhuri Belkale
Molly Bodurtha
Allie Doyle
Fatima Hasanain
Chakshu Hurria
Emily Katz
Kathryn Kobriger
William Leo
Eileen Li
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Julianna Simms
P. Elizabeth Stewart
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Sahantha Thirumazhusai
Katherine Wilkin

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Completed Three or More Experiential Learning Semesters

Going 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.

Tal Avrhami
Jonah Baskin
Madhuri Belkale
Haylee Bunner
Kathrina Dabdoub
Nkechi Erondu
Ashley Fleck
Jasmine Fong
Noah Foster
Jerelyn Luther
Olivia Lu
Olivia Martinez

Anna Belle Newport
Cristine Oh
Abbe Petuchowski
David Ratnoff
Anna Scheibmeir
Emma Shumway
Ethan Singer
P. Elizabeth Stewart
Elena Syman
Sahana Thirumazhusai
Alex VanRooyen
Katherine Wilkin

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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. The 2023 Scholars provided pro bono service to Sanctuary for Families, New York County Lawyer Association, Legal Aid Society, Volunteers for Legal Service Immigration Project, Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project, Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network, New York Legal Assistance Group Veterans Practice Group, Lawyers for Children, and National Student Legal Defense Network. The 2023 Pro Bono Scholars took the February 2023 New York State bar exam and will be admitted soon after graduation.

Imani Davis  
Robertson Dorsett  
Jessica Chisom Egbebike  
Chabely Jorge Urena  
Emilio Mendez  
Ridge Montes  

Christabel Narh  
Mayowa Olujohungbe  
Madison Pagel  
Taylor Perez  
Eric Rolston  
Tia Thomas

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Completed 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

Terresa Adams
Isabel Alexiades
Natasha Almanzar-Sanchez
Elizabeth Bartzokis
Jonah Baskin
Samuel Chestna
Imani Davis
Robertson Dorsett
Jessica Chisom Egbebike
Ella Epstein
Nkechi Erondu
Liam Fine
Ashley Fleck
Celeste Fleetwood
Abigail Greene
Shannon Leigh VanDenburgh
Edward Harrington
Arjan S. Heir
Alexander Herkert
Alexander Hohl
Natsuki Hosoya
Chabely Jorge Urena
Claudia-Skye Lee (Skye Lee)
Henry Litwhiler

Olivia Martinez
John McReynolds
Alexandra Meek
Emilio Mendez
Ridge Montes
Yessenia Moreno
Christabel Narh
Mayowa Olujohungbe
Wisdom Onwuchekwa-Banogu
Madison Pagel
Taylor Perez
Shahab Pournaghshband
Tyler Ritchie
Eric Rolston
Payoshi Roy
Christina Schiciano
Corey Shapiro
Blair Shi
P. Elizabeth Stewart
Roger Antonio Tejada
Sahana Thirumazhusai
Tia Thomas
Imani Thornton
Karen Wang
Sidley Austin LLP Spring Break Caravan Leaders

Many Columbia Law students spend 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 following Class of 2023 members who organized and led caravans while at the Law School.

Anti-Defamation League Civil Rights Caravan, New York, NY (2023)
Student Organizer: Elliott Werner
Student Group Sponsor: Jewish Law Students Association

Asian American Bar Association of New York Clinic Caravan, New York, NY (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Bronx Defenders Caravan, Bronx, NY (2022)
Student Organizer: Jillian Farley
Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network

California Appellate Project Caravan, San Francisco, CA
2022 Student Organizer: Jillian Farley
2023 Student Organizer: Meilun Chen
Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network

California Women’s Law Center Caravan, El Segundo, CA
2022 Student Organizer: Emily Berman
2023 Student Organizers: Abigail R. Hodonicky, Karen Wang
Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Law Women’s Association

Capital Appeals Project Caravan, New Orleans, LA
2021 Student Organizer: Ahlia Bethea
2022 Student Organizer: Terresa Adams
Student Group Sponsor: Black Law Students Association

Independent International Legal Advocates Caravan, New York, NY (2022)
Student Organizer: Alexandra Jimenez
Student Group Sponsor: Latinx Law Student Association

Legal Reform in Tunisia Caravan, Tunis, Tunisia (2022)
Student Organizer: Tara Kade
Student Group Sponsor: Middle Eastern Law Student Association

Native American Law Student Association (NALSA) Wisconsin Wills Caravan, Wausau, WI (2022)
Student Organizer: Abbe Petuchowski
Student Group Sponsor: NALSA
New York City Anti-Violence Project Caravan, New York, NY (2022)
Student Organizer: Nancy Marie Rich
Student Group Sponsor: OutLaws

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project Caravan, Seattle, WA (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Orleans Public Defender Caravan, New Orleans, LA
2021 Student Organizer: Ahlia Bethea
2022 Student Organizer: Terresa Adams
Student Group Sponsor: Black Law Students Association

Protecting Liberty Caravan, Arlington, VA (2022)
Student Organizer: Aaron Milevsky
Student Group Sponsor: Federalist Society

Refugee Law Clinic Caravan, Hamburg, Germany (2022)
Student Organizer: Leah Marie Dorn, Christina Schiciano
Student Group Sponsor: Columbia Society of International Law

Texas Advocacy Project Caravan, Austin, TX (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project

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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. We recognize the Class of 2023 members who organized and led in-house pro bono projects while at the Law School.

Alliance of Families for Justice (2022)
Student Organizer: Jillian Farley
Student Group Sponsor: Criminal Justice Action Network

Asian American Bar Association of New York Hate Crime Statute Research Project (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund Exit Poll Project (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals (CCLP) (2021)
Student Organizer: Ahlia Bethea
Student Group Sponsor: Black Law Students Association

HEART (Hate Eradication Active Response Team) Project with the Asian American Bar Association of New York (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

High School Law Institute (2022)
Student Organizer: Stephen Groh
Student Group Sponsor: High School Law Institute

Humanitarian Parole Application Project with the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network and the International Refugee Assistance Project (2022)
Student Organizer: Stephany Kim
Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Immigration Court Helpdesk (ICH) Program with Catholic Charities Community Services (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

International Refugee Assistance Project Pro Bono Case Work (2022)
Student Organizer: Stephany Kim
Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Sanctuary for Families Anti-Trafficking Fellowship (2022)
Student Organizer: Tia Thomas
Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project

Sanctuary for Families Courtroom Advocates Project (2022)
Student Organizer: Erin McKissick
Student Group Sponsor: Domestic Violence Project

Suspension Representation Project (SRP) (2022)
Student Organizer: Haley Rea
Student Group Sponsor: Suspension Representation Project

Transgender Legal Defense Fund Transgender Name Change Project (2021)
Student Organizer: Maya Ghose
Student Group Sponsor: Outlaws, Queer and Trans People of Color

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) Unemployed Workers Project (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Young Center Child Advocate Program (2022)
Student Organizer: Angel Li
Student Group Sponsor: Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Human Rights Institute 1L Advocates

The Human Rights Institute 1L Advocates Program offers mentorship to first-year students interested in human rights. Advocates have the opportunity to work on a variety of social justice cases, including advocacy undertaken by the Human Rights Institute and the Human Rights Clinic. These students were 1L Advocates.

Nausherwan Ahmed Aamir
Terresa Adams
Natasha Almanzar-Sanchez
Andrea Ashburn
Jonah Baskin
Madhuri Belkale
Molly Bodurtha
Kathrina Dabdoub
Shant Eulmessekian
Henry Goldberg

Stephanie M. Gusching
Kayla Jahangiri
Emily Katz
Tanner Larkin
Laura McFeely
Anna Belle Newport
Christina Schiciano
Roger Antonio Tejada
Sahana Thirumazhusai

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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
Natia Navrouzov (2022-2023)
Ido Sadeh (2022-2023)
Simeon Toronto (2021-2022)

Davis Polk Leadership Initiative Innovation Grant Recipient
Olivia Martinez (2022-2023)
2L Racial and Social Justice Fellows

As part of its efforts to advance racial justice in the Columbia community and beyond, the Law School invites applications from second-year J.D. students for the 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 Class of 2023 members who were awarded Racial and Social Justice Fellowships during their 2L year.

Terresa Adams
Arabella Colombier
Nkechi Erondu
Anna Belle Newport
Imani Thornton

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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 Class of 2023 members who received a grant while at the Law School.

Brenton Browne
Haylee Bunner
Jerry Du
Sophia Han

Emma Li
Olivia Martinez
Lauren Richardson

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Public Interest Law Foundation Members

Through community grants, fundraising, student events, and financial support for pro bono student activity, the Public Interest Law Foundation ensures that the Law School stays involved in the world of public interest. These Class of 2023 members serve on the Public Interest Law Foundation board.

Emily Berman
Eileen Li
Cailin Liu

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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
- Isabel Alexiades
- Natasha Almanzar-Sanchez
- Christopher Alter
- Andrea Ashburn
- Tal Avrhami
- Hunter Baehren
- Jonah Baskin
- Madhuri Belkale
- Molly Bodurtha
- Likhitha Butchireddygari
- Grace Coleman
- Kathrina Dabdoub
- Allie Doyle
- Nkechi Erondu
- Ashley Fleck
- Noah Foster
- Fatima Hasanain
- Chakshu Hurria
- Emily Katz
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Anurima Bhargava ’02 is the founder and director of *Anthem of Us*, a strategic advisory and consulting firm that centers dignity, justice, and belonging in workplaces, schools, and communities. Clients include leading financial institutions, corporations, foundations, schools, and media, arts, and nonprofit organizations.

From 2018 to 2022, she served as chair and commissioner of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, which documents and makes recommendations on religious persecution and violence abroad. She made diplomatic visits to Burma, the Rohingya camps in Bangladesh, Iraq, Sudan, and Vietnam. Her engagement on the commission was recently profiled in the *New York Times*.

From 2010 to 2016, Bhargava led federal civil rights enforcement and policy in schools and higher education institutions across the nation at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she spearheaded landmark guidance and litigation on school discipline, sexual harassment and violence, English Learners, and students with disabilities. She served on several administration-wide and White House task forces to address harassment, discrimination, and violence.

She previously served as director of the education practice and associate counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund from 2004 to 2010, where she litigated cases on diversity and segregation in schools and higher education institutions, including in the federal appellate courts and U.S. Supreme Court.

From 2016 to 2018, she was a fellow at the Institute of Politics and the Carr Center for Human Rights at Harvard and a Leadership in Government Fellow at Open Society Foundations, where she focused on trauma experienced after incidents of communal racial violence.

Bhargava’s commitment to advancing dignity and justice through narrative and storytelling led her to produce and advise numerous documentary films and projects. She chairs the U.S. board of Doc Society, a leading incubator and supporter of documentary film globally. Her recent projects include the Oscar-nominated documentary *Writing with Fire* (co-executive producer), *Barefoot Empress* (executive producer); and the docuseries *The Vow* (consulting producer/legal advisor).

She co-chairs the National Advisory Board on Public Service at Harvard and serves on the board of the National Women’s Law Center Action Fund and Big Thought. She also serves as an advisor to GSV Ventures, Unbound Philanthropy, and the Broadway Advocacy Coalition. She was a 2017 Presidential...
Leadership Scholar.

Bhargava advises numerous political campaigns and was appointed to the 2020 Democratic National Committee’s Platform Committee. She founded Take Back Tuesdays and Anthem of America to provide information and ways to take action around elections, and a multiracial PAC, American Anthem.

Bhargava earned her law degree from Columbia Law School and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College. She was recently elected chief marshal of her Harvard class. She was born and raised on the south side of Chicago.

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Kendall Thomas, Nash Professor of Law, is a scholar of comparative constitutional law and human rights whose teaching and research focus on critical race theory, legal philosophy, feminist legal theory, and law and sexuality.

Thomas is the co-founder and director of the Center for the Study of Law and Culture at Columbia Law School, where he leads interdisciplinary projects and programs that explore how the law operates as one of the central ways to create meaning in society. He is a founder of Amend the 13th, a movement to amend the U.S. Constitution to end enforced prison labor.

His seminal writing on the intersection of race and law appears in *Critical Race Theory: The Key Writings That Founded the Movement* (1996), which he co-edited. He is also a co-editor of *Legge Razza Diritti: La Critical Race Theory negli Stati Uniti* (2005) and *What’s Left of Theory?* (2000).

Thomas has taught at Columbia Law since 1986. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford Law School and a visiting professor in American studies and Afro-American studies at Princeton University. His writing has appeared in volumes of collected essays and in journals including *National Black Law Journal*, *Widener Law Symposium Journal*, and *Columbia Journal of European Law*.

Thomas was an inaugural recipient of the Berlin Prize Fellowship of the American Academy in Berlin and a member of the Special Committee of the American Center in Paris. He has chaired the Jurisprudence Section and the Law and Humanities Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

Thomas has written and spoken widely on the impact of AIDS and was a founding member of the Majority Action Caucus of ACT UP, Sex Panic!, and the AIDS Prevention Action League. A former board member of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis, he now serves on the board of the NYC AIDS Memorial. Thomas is also a professional jazz vocalist who performs at venues including Joe’s Pub and is on the board of advisors of the Broadway Advocacy Coalition.
Susan P. Sturm is the George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility. Her work focuses on inequality, discrimination, remedying racial and gender bias, criminal justice reform, lawyer-leadership, and the role education can play in creating social change and a more inclusive world.

Sturm is a co-chair and architect of Columbia Law School’s Davis Polk Leadership Initiative, a cross-disciplinary effort to prepare students to succeed as leaders in a wide range of sectors. Sturm teaches Civil Procedure, Lawyering for Change, and Lawyer Leadership: Leading Self, Leading Others, Leading Change. She is the founding director of the Center for Institutional and Social Change and a Provost Senior Faculty Teaching Scholar. She received Columbia University’s Presidential Teaching Award in 2007.

Sturm has written and spoken extensively about race, gender, legal education, and full participation in higher education and filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the University of Texas in a case challenging its race-conscious admissions process. In 2017, she co-authored a report called Leading with Conviction, which examines how and why some people emerge from prison as community leaders. In 2015, she completed a study on diversity and inclusion among authors and editors of the Yale Law Journal, which provided insights relevant to the larger field of legal education. At the Center for Institutional and Social Change, which she founded in 2007, Sturm leads collaborative action research projects with institutional and community leaders in the areas of education, criminal justice, and community development. She collaborates with a wide variety of higher education, government, and community-based organizations including the Massachusetts Trial Courts, the Center for Justice, the Aspen Ascend Network, Hostos Community College, and JustLeadershipUSA. She is the co-creator of Theaters of Change, a joint effort with the Center for Institutional and Social Change and the Broadway Advocacy Coalition to bring together individuals directly impacted by mass incarceration, high-level theater artists, and advocates and policymakers focused on humanizing and transforming the criminal legal system.

Sturm is the principal investigator for a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has developed a curriculum for building leadership capacity to address race and bias in the Massachusetts Trial Courts. She has served as the principal investigator on two Ford Foundation grants for projects designed to increase access to postsecondary education for immigrants, veterans, and communities affected by incarceration. She also received an Aspen Ascend grant to develop multigenerational strategies for advancing higher education for communities affected by the criminal justice system.
Philanthropic Supporters of Pro Bono, Summer, and Postgraduate Work

We are deeply grateful to the following firms, foundations, organizations, and individuals for their financial support of Columbia Law School’s public interest and pro bono programs.

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Michael H. Barnett ’72
The Estate of William S. Beinecke ’40
Dale Berger and Max Berger ’71
Vivian Olivia Berger ’73
Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP
Vineet Bhatia ’90
John A. Bick ’83
Leah M. Bishop ’79 and Gary Yale
Frances E. Bivens ’92 and the Honorable Kenneth M. Karas ’91
Margaret B. Carter
An Ken Chen ’96
Iris S. Chen ’01
Mr. and Mrs. William David Cohan
Charles J. Conroy ’78
Gerard Andrew Corsini ’72
Donald R. Crawshaw ’83 LL.M.
Gary S. Davis ’80
The Honorable Gray Davis ’67
Wesley C. Dias ’77
Thomas E. Dutton ’87
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Linda A. Fairstein
Carol Turobiner Finley ’86
David F. Freedman ’85
Elizabeth Shea Fries ’89
Ellen V. Futter ’74
Samir A. Gandhi
Herman Goldman Foundation
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