

# Social Justice Honors Dinner

Columbia Law School  
Social Justice Initiatives  
April 16, 2013

## Welcome

Ellen Chapnick  
Dean for Social Justice Initiatives

## Greetings

Susan Lindenauer  
Columbia Law School Board of Visitors

## Introduction

Ellen Chapnick

## Keynote Address

Lee Gelernt '88  
Deputy Director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project  
Director of the Project's Program on Access to the Courts

## 2013 Public Interest Faculty Member of the Year Award

Professor Philip M. Genty  
Everett B. Birch Innovative Teaching Clinical Professor in Professional Responsibility  
at Columbia Law School  
Presented by Natasha Bronn '13, Sarah McCarthy '13 and Allison Neswood '13

## The Outstanding Contribution to Social Justice Awards

Presented by the Social Justice Initiatives Staff

*Our attitude toward immigration reflects our faith in the American ideal.  
We have always believed it possible for men and women who start at the  
bottom to rise as far as their talent and energy allow. Neither race nor place  
of birth should affect their chances.*

**Robert F. Kennedy**

## DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

### LEE GELERNT

Lee Gelernt, an attorney at the ACLU since 1992, currently is the Deputy Director of the ACLU's national Immigrants' Rights Project, and Director of the Project's Program on Access to the Courts. He has argued numerous groundbreaking cases establishing the constitutional and statutory rights of non-citizens, in the areas of discrimination, education, due process and access to the courts. Since 2001, Mr. Gelernt also has worked on several far-reaching national security cases arising out of the events of September 11. For example in March 2011, he argued *Asbroft v. al-Kidd* in the U.S. Supreme Court, which challenged the constitutionality of the government's post 9/11 use of the material witness statute to investigate and preventively detain terrorism suspects, when there is no probable cause to justify a criminal arrest.

Mr. Gelernt served as one of the few human rights observers at Guantanamo Bay for the first military trial conducted by the United States since World War II. He has testified before the U.S. Senate on habeas corpus and judicial review issues. He also is a lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School and a visiting lecturer in clinical law at Yale Law School.

Mr. Gelernt is a 1988 graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was a Notes and Comments Editor of the Law Review. After graduation, he served as a law clerk to the late Judge Frank M. Coffin of the First Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. In 2002, he received the 13th Annual Public Interest Achievement Award from Columbia University's Public Interest Law Foundation. The American Immigration Lawyers Association has twice awarded him their national prize for excellence in litigation. He is a frequent guest speaker at law schools and conferences around the country, and regularly appears in the national and international media.

### PHILIP M. GENTY

Philip M. Genty is the Everett B. Birch Innovative Teaching Clinical Professor in Professional Responsibility at Columbia Law School and has been a clinical professor at Columbia since 1989. His research and teaching interests are in professional responsibility, clinical education, prisoners' rights, family law, and appellate advocacy. Professor Genty also directs the first year Legal Practice Workshop and Columbia's Moot Court program. He is the recipient of the 2008 Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

After graduating from law school, Professor Genty was an attorney at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York; the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development; and the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corporation. He joined the faculty of Brooklyn Law School in 1987, where he taught legal writing and a seminar on the rights of prisoners.

Professor Genty has consulted with clinical legal education programs in Central and Eastern Europe and Israel. He also has assisted with legal resource materials for incarcerated parents and works with several organizations that assist women prisoners. He serves on the Columbia University Senate's Education Committee.

## CELEBRATING SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES' 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY THE FOUNDERS

*Those of us with our hearts set on public interest/social justice careers desperately needed visible, effective, and dedicated institutional support to help us realize our dreams. We needed a "place we could call our own" which (in that pre-Internet era) would collect and share resources and provide support to keep us on track, amid the enormous social and institutional pressures to "go corporate" in the summers and beyond. CPIL was the institutional realization of that urgently-felt need.*

David Stern '92

The Center for Public Interest Law (now Social Justice Initiatives) opened on January 3, 1993. One of the first law school offices in the nation dedicated to public interest employment and pro bono service, CPIL originated with members of the Class of 1992 who identified the need and organized to make it a reality. They found ready and powerful allies in the Board of Visitors' Public Interest and Pro Bono Opportunities Committee, which helped them develop and promote their ideas. An energetic new Dean appointed a faculty-student committee, which persuaded the full faculty to adopt the mandatory pro bono requirement and create CPIL. The students' twelve-page memorandum about what the office could do and numerous consultations with them guided CPIL's work for many years. These are the people who made it happen:

### DEAN

**Lance Liebman** Dean and Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law, Columbia Law School (1991-1996), Professor at Columbia Law School (1996-Present); Visiting professor, Harvard-Fulbright School, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (1998) and Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1998); Director of the American Law Institute (1999-Present)

### CO-CHAIRS OF THE FACULTY-STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEE

**Richard Briffault** Professor of Law and Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation (1983-Present); Visiting Scholar, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1996-1997); Executive Director, Special Commission on Campaign Finance Reform of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (1998-2000)

**Harriet Rabb** Vice Dean, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility, Columbia Law School (1971-1993); General Counsel, United States Department of Health and Human Services (1993-2001); General Counsel, The Rockefeller University (2001-Present)

**Carol Leibman** Clinical Professor of Law (1992-Present); Received the Columbia University Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012

### CO-CHAIRS OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

**Robert M. Heller** Partner, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

**Susan B. Lindenauer** The Legal Aid Society of New York (1966 -2005), as Counsel to the President and Attorney in Chief (1977-2005)

## MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF 1992

**Elizabeth Benjamin** Bronx Legal Services (1992-1993, 1994-1995); SDNY, Honorable Robert Sweet – Law Clerk (1993-1994); The Legal Aid Society, Health Law Unit (1995-2004); New York Civil Liberties Union (2005-2007); Community Service Society of NY (2007-present)

**Catherina Celosse** White & Case, NY (1992-1994); Davis, Polk & Wardwell, Hong Kong (1994-1997); Makes & Partners Law Firm, Jakarta Indonesia – Foreign Counsel (1997-2000, 2002-2005); RHJ International SA, Brussels, Belgium – Associate General Counsel (2006-2008); Virginia for Obama - Deputy Field Organizer (2008); U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Office of Financial Stability (TARP) (2009-2011); Hills, Stern & Morley LLP, D.C. (2012-Present)

**Sara Corello** Honorable Eugene Nickerson, EDNY – Law Clerk (1992-1993); Spivak Lipton – Associate, Partner (1993-Present)

**Melinda Dutton** South Brooklyn Legal Services – Staff Attorney (1992-1995); Children’s Defense Fund – New York, Director of Research and Policy (1995-2004); Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, Counsel (2004-2007), Partner (2007-Present)

**Caroline Fredrickson** Judge James L. Oakes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit – Law Clerk (1992-1993); Robert Bosch Foundation - Fellow (1993-1994); Bredhoff & Kaiser – Associate (1994-1996); Office of Senator Tom Daschle, U.S. Senate Minority Leader – Counsel for Labor and Judiciary (1996-1998); White House – Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs (1998-1999); Office of Senator Tom Daschle, U.S. Senate Minority Leader – Deputy Chief of Staff (1999-2001); Office of Senator Maria Cantwell – Chief of Staff (2001-2004); NARAL Pro-Choice America – General Counsel & Legal Director (2004-2005); ACLU – Director, Washington Legislative Office (2005-2009); American Constitution Society for Law & Policy – President (2009-Present)

**Mark Hurwitz** Urban Justice Project – Founder and Director, Mental Health Project (1993-1998); Department of Homeless Services, City of New York – Assistant Commissioner, Operations, Adult Services Division (1998-2002), Deputy Commissioner, Adult Services Division (2002-2007); Project Renewal – Deputy Director (2007-2013); Palladia, Inc. – President/CEO (2013-Present)

**Susan Kraham** Honorable Justice Gary Stein, Supreme Court of NJ – Law Clerk (1992-1993); NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund – Skadden Fellow (1993-1995); Echoing Green Fellow (1999); Rutgers Law School Environmental Law Clinic – Associate Clinical Professor (1998-2005); New Jersey Audubon Society – Counsel (2005-2008); Columbia Law School Environmental Law Clinic – Senior Staff Attorney and Lecturer-In-Law (2008-Present)

**Jonathan Rosenberg** The Legal Aid Society – Associate Appellate Counsel (1992-1994); U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights – Civil Rights Attorney (1995-1997); The Children’s Aid Society – Director, Immigration & Welfare Reform Project (1997-1998); U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights – Senior Civil Rights Attorney (1998-2000); Edison Schools Inc. – Associate General Counsel & Deputy General Counsel (2000-2004); Roads to Success – Executive Director (2004-2009); Repair the World – President & CEO (2009-2012); ROADS Charter High Schools – Executive Director (2012-Present).

**David Stern** The Legal Aid Society, Civil Division (1992-Present)

**Mary Lynne Werlwas** Human Rights Watch, New York – Sandler Fellowship (1992-1993); Judge Richard Cudahy, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago – Law Clerk (1993-1994); Altshuler Berzon LLP, San Francisco – Associate (1994-1999); Prisoners’ Rights Project, Legal Aid Society, NY – Staff Attorney (1999-Present)

# Honorees for 75 or more hours of pro bono work

The following 159 students have performed 75 or more hours of pro bono work:

CLASS	NAME	TOTAL HOURS	ORGANIZATIONS
2013	Mae Ackerman-Brimberg	104	Correctional Association of New York Juvenile Regional Services
2013	Lilianne Aguayo	79	Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit
2013	Charles Alvarez	407	RightsLink African Services Committee Election Protection African Services Committee The Door, Legal Services Center Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
2013	Ngozi Anidi	100	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	John Atallah	84	LawHelp Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Texas Civil Rights Project
2013	Victor Au	250	New York City Housing Authority
2013	Gabriella Barbosa	115	Sanctuary for Families Navajo Nation Department of Justice
2013	Henri Benaim	150	Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
2013	Rachel Bennek	100	Children's Rights, Inc. Sanctuary for Families Administration for Children's Services United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Office of Pro Se Litigation
2013	Robert Bernstein	380	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
2013	Elana Bildner	150	Human Rights Watch, United States Program
2013	Julia Braker	162	African Services Committee Sanctuary for Families, Courtroom Advocates Project MFY Legal Services Columbia Law School, Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center Americans for Immigrant Justice
2013	Catherine Bratic	142	African Services Committee United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
2013	Daniel Bregman	172	Open Society Institute, Justice Initiative Maryland Court of Appeals
2013	Matthew Bridge	456	STEPS to End Family Violence Queens County District Attorney's Office United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York Sanctuary for Families Manhattan District Attorney's Office
2013	David Bright	151	Brooklyn Law School, Immigration Court Observation Project Sanctuary for Families, Courtroom Advocates Project Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual
2013	Natasha Bronn	100	STEPS to End Family Violence Navajo Nation Department of Justice New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
2013	Angelica Cesario	150	United States District Court for New Jersey New York Charter School Incubator LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense Education Fund
2013	Aretha Chakraborti	538	RightsLink Equality Now Polaris Project Human Rights Watch
2013	Fannie Chen	204	Sanctuary for Families White House, National Economic Council
2013	Julia Christian	106	Human Rights Watch, Health and Human Rights
2013	Amy Conners	75	United States Department of Education
2013	Marissa Crespo	80	Connect Inc. Sanctuary for Families

# Honorees for 75 or more hours of pro bono work

CLASS	NAME	TOTAL HOURS	ORGANIZATIONS
2013	Jeffrey Crough	200	Legal Outreach, Inc. Navajo Nation Department of Justice United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	Nancy Cruz	80	Navajo Nation Department of Justice Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Justice Division
2013	Blake Davis	76	Public Counsel, Early Care and Education Law Project
2013	Adam DiClemente	480	United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina
2013	Philip DiMola	160	New York State Supreme Court
2013	Samuel Dostart	300	United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Robert Gerber
2013	Aymeric Dumoulin	150	United States Securities and Exchange Commission, Bankruptcy Enforcement
2013	Stephen Ehrlich	110	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Office of Pro Se Litigation
2013	Larissa Eltsefon	80	International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia Sanctuary for Families, Battered Immigrant Women's Project
2013	Morenike Fajana	143	New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice Roma Education Fund Vera Institute of Justice National Coalition Against Censorship
2013	Jennifer Fernandez	108	Miami-Dade Public Defender High School Law Institute California Appellate Project
2013	Stephanie Fine	400	United States District Court for Northern Illinois
2013	Moshe Fink	290	New York State Supreme Court
2013	John Fowler	120	High School Law Institute Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia
2013	Christopher Gandia	95	Legal Outreach, Inc. Legal Aid of Buffalo, Foreclosure Protection Unit
2013	Caitlin Giaimo	98	Sanctuary for Families Courtroom Advocates Project Capital Appeals Project
2013	Alexandra Golden	112	The White House, Office of the White House Counsel
2013	Keith Goodwin	75	United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of California
2013	Mohit Gourisaria	129	Sanctuary for Families, Battered Immigrant Women's Project United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	Alexandra Grant	97	Safe Horizon, Anti-Trafficking Program
2013	Justin Hebenstreit	150	United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
2013	Jason Hipp	194	New York City Law Department, Affirmative Litigation Division Legal Aid, Health Law Unit DNA People's Legal Services
2013	Michael Hofer	400	New York State Supreme Court
2013	Montague Hung	80	Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
2013	Paul Jindra	81	High School Law Institute Suspension Representation Project Cadwalader Non-Profit Incubator Project
2013	Margarita Kelrikh	75	United States Securities and Exchange Commission
2013	Thomas Kessler	160	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	Zoha Khalili-Araghi	128	African Services Committee American Civil Liberties Union
2013	Andrew Kirchner	91	United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division
2013	Andrew Kravis	86	Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund New York Anti-Trafficking Network
2013	Jenna Krueger	385	American Society for the Protection of Animals
2013	Akshaya Kumar	102	RightsLink Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project

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CLASS	NAME	TOTAL HOURS	ORGANIZATIONS
2013	Cherice Landers	82	New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice African Services Committee Columbia Law School, Human Rights Institute
2013	Zachary Ross Lane	20	Legal Outreach, Inc.
2013	Philip Lee	224	Kings County Supreme Court
2013	Amy Liang	140	Goddard Riverside Community Center
2013	Andrea Lo	79	Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project African Services Committee Davis Polk & Wardwell Political Asylum Project
2013	Oscar Lopez	171	Community Lawyers, Inc. High School Law Institute Wisconsin Judicare
2013	John Love	112	Tennessee Attorney General's Office
2013	Sayoni Maitra	165	Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
2013	Adam Mandelsberg	76	United States Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General
2013	Suchita Mathur	82	UNHCR STEPS to End Family Violence Sanctuary for Families, Battered Immigrant Women's Project
2013	Maggie Maurone	251	Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division African Services Committee Legal Aid Society, Education Advocacy Project
2013	Ron Mazor	300	New York State Attorney General's Office
2013	Matthew McDonald	80	Federal Trade Commission, New York Regional Office
2013	Lucy McKinstry	350	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
2013	Kathryn McNece	158	RightsLink Human Rights Watch Open Society Institute, Justice Initiative
2013	Amanda Meyer	119	High School Law Institute Partnership for Children's Rights New York Charter School Incubator STEPS to End Family Violence
2013	Karl Mill	80	California Appellate Project Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia
2013	Ramin Montazeri	160	Imaginer Consulting Limited
2013	Brittany Morgan	150	New York State Supreme Court
2013	Daniel Mule	121	African Services Committee Unemployment Action Center Miami-Dade Public Defender Texas Civil Rights Project, Paso del Norte Westside SRO Law Project
2013	Andrew Napier	80	New York Civil Liberties Union
2013	Sharon Obialo	80	Legal Outreach, Inc. New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
2013	Matthew O'Donnell	75	High School Law Institute
2013	Rebecca Orel	80	United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York
2013	Delphine Papaud	360	Vale Center on Sustainable International Investment United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	Joseph Payne	80	United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of New York
2013	Ryanne Perio	400	United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
2013	William Pope	265	Unemployment Action Center Appellate Advocates Capital Appeals Project
2013	Alessandro Presti	392	United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
2013	Lena Qiu	174	United States Court of International Trade Wisconsin Judicare
2013	Samantha Reitz	250	United States Court for the Eastern District of New York
2013	Emily Rena-Dozier	80	American Civil Liberties Union

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2013	Melissa Saldana	94	Fire Department of New York, Bureau of Investigations and Trials Navajo Nation Department of Justice Spanish Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual
2013	Laura Samuels	81	Columbia Law School, Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic New York Court of Appeals
2013	Elliot Schatmeier	472	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia
2013	Olivia Schmid	96	United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York
2013	Stosh Silivos	160	United States District Court for Florida
2013	Taylor Spragens	400	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
2013	Jared Taylor	285	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2013	Landes Taylor	360	Superior Court of Sacramento County
2013	Julia Twarog	81	California Appellate Project Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual
2013	Timothy Vogeler	200	Utah Supreme Court
2013	Geoffrey Walter	200	Citizen Works
2013	Spencer Wan	400	San Francisco Public Defender's Office
2013	Nicholas Wanger	200	Defender General of Vermont
2013	Robert Wehrman	147	South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Criminal Litigation Unit
2013	Kathryn Wellman	102	Lawyers for Children Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
2013	Richard Williams	80	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
2013	Jun Xiang	165	Sanctuary for Families
2013	Heming Xu	280	New Mexico Court of Appeals
2013	Justine Young	577	Legal Outreach, Inc. National Center for Transgender Equality California Appellate Project
2013	Zhou Zhou	80	New York State Attorney General's Office, Antitrust Bureau
2013	Amanda Zoda	200	Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
2014	Tai Aliya	249	New York State Supreme Court
2014	Michael Badain	200	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
2014	Kathryn Benedict	195	Sanctuary for Families United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit African Services Committee Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia South Brooklyn Legal Services
2014	Emily Brailey	440	United States District Court for the Central District of California
2014	Matthew Brock	75	NYC Department of Consumer Affairs Legal Services of New York, Staten Island
2014	Julia Catania	80	Catholic Charities, Immigration and Refugee Unit
2014	Raquel Finkelstein	80	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2014	Reid Fitzgerald	80	United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York
2014	Karen Geringer	120	New York State Unified Court System
2014	Zahreen Ghaznavi	80	Advocates for Children High School Law Institute
2014	Timothy Gray	80	Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
2014	Daniel Hatten	400	The White House, Executive Office of the President
2014	Benjamin Howard	450	United States Court of Appeals
2014	Johanna Hudgens	120	RightsLink Alaska Department of Law Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
2014	FeiFei Jiang	177	United States Attorneys Office for the Northern District of Columbia Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana High School Law Institute Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
2014	Carl Johnson	350	Cook County Court
2014	Janet Jones-Duffey	80	Community Service Society
2014	Alexander Konik	150	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2014	Sarah Krieger	75	Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit
2014	Nathaniel Lomax-Lai	80	Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia



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2014	Nancy Lee	160	United States Office of the Trade Representative Legal Outreach, Inc.
2014	Angela Lee	247	American Civil Liberties Union RightsLink Jailhouse Lawyer's Manual United States Office of the Trade Representative Cadwalader Non-Profit Incubator Project Legal Outreach, Inc. Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
2014	Andrew Leff	93	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund
2014	Enrique Lemus	80	Texas Civil Rights Project, Paso del Norte
2014	Michelle Luo	77	National Center for Law and Economic Justice
2014	David Lyons	117	African Services Committee United States Environmental Protection Agency Wisconsin Judicare
2014	Benjamin Menker	78	Schulte Roth and Zabel non-profit project Center for Popular Democracy
2014	Miheer Mhatre	80	United States Attorneys Office for the Southern District of New York High School Law Institute
2014	Jared Miller	124	Center for Court Innovation African Services Committee Louisiana Capital Assistance Center Sanctuary for Families ACLU of Puerto Rico
2014	William Nahill	120	Georgia Public Defender Standards Council
2014	Elizabeth Owerbach	110	Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Division
2014	Rambod Peykar	204	California State Appellate Court
2014	Bethany Pfalzgraf	82	High School Law Institute United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York
2014	Jessica Piquet	80	United States Department of Justice, National Security Division
2014	Jason Pyke	75	American Civil Liberties Union New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice
2014	Ni Qian	99	New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice Legal Aid Society
2014	Emery Richards	133	United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
2014	Olena Ripnick	350	Immigration Equality
2014	Michael Ruthenberg-Marshall	97	Resilience Advocacy Project High School Law Institute
2014	Marcus Strong	80	High School Law Institute
2014	Angela Sun	140	Center for Appellate Litigation California Appellate Project
2014	Raquel Toledo	80	East Bay Community Law Center
2014	John Toth	88	NYC Campaign Finance Board
2014	Laura Umbrecht	370	Unemployment Action Center United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
2014	Daniel Werb	277	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2014	Gregory Wolfe	80	Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau
2014	Stephanie Wu	273	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
2014	Allison Yurcik	76	New York Legal Assistance Group Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Legal Services of New York, Staten Island
2014	Alexander Zbrozek	80	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
2014	Jeanne-Paloma Zelmati	450	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

# Honorees for two public interest summers

The following 47 students have spent both of their law school summers working for public interest organizations or government agencies

NAME	2011	2012
Mae Ackerman-Brimberg	National Center for Youth Law	Legal Services for Children
Lilianne Aguayo	National Economic and Social Rights Initiative	Legal Aid Society, Immigration Unit
Gabriela Barbosa	Public Counsel Law Center	Traber & Voorhees
Precious Benally	Wellington Community Law Centre	Sanosky Chambers
Rebecca Besdin	Legal Resources Centre	Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division
Julia Braker	Southern Migrant Legal Services	Make The Road By Walking
Matthew Bridge	United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division	New York City Law Department
Ashley Burrell	United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division	Orleans Public Defenders
Mary Byatt	Article 19	Imaginer Consulting Ltd.
Angelica Cesario	Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund	Brennan Center for Justice
Jean Choi	United States Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor General	National Employment Law Project
Rashmi Chopra	Interights	Human Rights Watch, Health and Human Rights Division
Julia Christian	Sustainable Development Institute	Brainforest
Morenike Fajana	Roma Education Fund	New York Civil Liberties Union
Daniel Felix	New York City Department of Cultural Affairs	Phipps Community Development Corporation
Jennifer Fernandez	Legal Outreach, Inc.	Advocates for Children of New York
Eloy Gardea	Make the Road by Walking	Volunteers of Legal Services
David Garfinkel	North Carolina Department of Justice	Federal Maritime Commission, Office of the General Counsel
Veronica Glick	United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Fraud Section	California Attorney General's Office
Alexandra Grant	SEPA Mujer	Kids in Need of Defense
Scott Kelly	The Legal Aid Society	Columbia Law School, Human Rights Institute
Zoha Khalili-Araghi	Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights	American Civil Liberties Union, Center for Democracy
Susie Kim	Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit	New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission
David Korvin	Legal Services of New Jersey	United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Meghan Lacey	United States Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of New York, Criminal Division	Legal Aid Society, Adolescent Intervention and Diversion Division
David Lepard	Los Angeles Office of the City Attorney	Kings County District Attorney's Office
Todd Leverette	Mecklenburg County Public Defender	Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division
Darius Longarino	The Door	United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President

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NAME	2011	2012
Oscar Lopez	Community Lawyers, Inc.	New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
Sayoni Maitra	Sanctuary for Families, Center for Battered Women's Legal Services	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Eduardo Manzanera	New York City Fire Department, Equal Opportunity Commission	United States Department of the Interior, Solicitor's Office New York Attorney General's Office
Mia Martin	Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A	San Francisco Office of the City Attorney
Suchita Mathur	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Protection Operations and Legal Advice Section	Legal Aid Society, Immigration Defense Unit
Daniel Mule	United Nations Habitat, Regional Office for Latin America	Centro Du Integridade Publica
Evans Muzere	Legal Services for New York City, Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services	New York State Banking Department, Criminal Investigations Bureau
John Nosco	The Fund for Modern Courts, Citizens Court Monitoring	Los Angeles County Public Defender
Emily Rena-Dozier	Safe Horizon, Domestic Violence Law Project	Oregon Law Center
Amy Sanderson	Columbia Law School, Human Rights Institute	Legal Services NYC, Brooklyn Office
Christopher Street-Razbadouski	Migrant Farmworkers Justice Program	Public Defender Service, D.C.
Angela Sun	Center for Appellate Litigation	California Appellate Project
Scott Thompson	Legal Aid Society, Criminal Appeals Bureau	Columbia Law School, Human Rights Institute
Idara Udofia	Human Rights Law Network	Kernochan Center for Law, Media, and the Arts
Michaela Wallin	Equality Now	American Civil Liberties Union, Women's Rights Project
Nicholas Wanger	Vermont Defender General, Prisoners Rights Office	San Francisco Office of the Public Defender
Liliana Zaragoza	New York Immigration Coalition	LatinoJustice Puerto Rican Legal Defense Education Fund
Kennan Zhong	Columbia Law School, Center for Climate Change Law	New York State Department of Financial Services

# Honorees for post graduate employment in public interest

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The following students are strongly committed to working at public interest organizations or government agencies after graduation.

Mae Ackerman-Brimberg  
Lilianne Aguayo  
Charles Alvarez  
Matthew Amsterdam  
Gabriella Barbosa  
Lauren Barlow  
Precious Benally  
Rebecca Besdin  
Julie Braker  
Matthew Bridge  
Ashley Burrell  
Katie Cassell  
Angelica Cesario  
Jean Choi  
Rashmi Chopra  
Julia Christian  
Morenike Fajana  
Daniel Felix  
Jennifer Fernandez  
Mariel Fernandez  
John Fowler  
Eloy Gardea  
David Garfinkel  
Ali Golden  
Julia Gomez  
Garret Gorlitsky  
Alexandra Grant  
Simone Greenbaum  
Elizabeth Hanley

Scott Kelly  
Zoha Khalili- Araghi  
Andrew Kravis  
Jenna Krueger  
Akshaya Kumar  
Meghan Lacey  
David Lepard  
Todd Leverette  
Melissa Lisenbee  
Darius Longarino  
Oscar Lopez  
Sayoni Maitra  
Sarah McCarthy  
Matt McDonald  
Brian Mulhall  
Evans Muzere  
Allison Neswood  
John Nosco  
Samuel Park  
Emily Rena-Dozier  
Sarah Rosenbluth  
Amy Sanderson  
Chris Street  
Sarah Thompson  
Michaela Wallin  
Nicholas Wanger  
Glover Wright  
Liliana Zaragoza  
Kennan Zhong

# Honorees for public interest philanthropy

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The Philanthropy Awards are bestowed upon the following students with respect and appreciation for their leadership of efforts to raise funds for public interest legal work by their fellow students and/or grassroots legal organizations.

Dean's Cup  
(Chairs)

Christopher M. Forstrom '15  
Richard Han '14  
Caroline R. Kassie '15  
Timothy J. Morgan '15  
Amy Zhu '15

Public Interest Law Foundation  
(Auction Chairs)

Stephanie Grajales '14  
Samantha Wishman '14

Public Interest Law Foundation  
(Dinner Chairs)

Sarah Krieger '14

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