



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friend of Santa Clara University and Public Interest & Social Justice Law:



Stephanie M. Wildman,
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Santa Clara University School of Law has a long tradition of supporting public interest, public service, and social justice work. The law school's Center for Social Justice and Public Service fosters the community of faculty, students, student groups, administrators, staff, alumni, and other lawyers interested in law and social justice. The Center offers courses, community connections, speaker series, and a Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate program, all of which provide Santa Clara students a unique chance to connect with other like-minded students and lawyers who care about justice. Center events are open to all students, not only those for whom social justice is an area of special interest, as well as to the community. (*See descriptions of these events on the last page.*)

Many Santa Clara graduates enter law school because they care about social justice, and they remain deeply committed to social justice concerns after they graduate. These same alumni/ae, whatever their own law school experience, remain involved and work to make the law school experience better for the next generation of social justice-minded students, as well as to ensure that concerns for social justice issues remain in the forefront of legal education for all students.



NCIP Staff and
supporters

As Santa Clara trains the diverse leadership California needs to serve *all* its communities, the Center emphasizes the use of law and the legal system to give voice to marginalized, subordinated, and underrepresented clients and causes. Students serve community needs for social justice while studying law by participating in the Law School's acclaimed clinical programs:

- **Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP)**
- **Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center (Alexander Law Center)**

The law school's outstanding clinical education programs are key to the Center's success. Santa Clara's clinical programs promote the integration of theory and practice in the social justice arena.

- For criminal justice, **NCIP**, directed by Professor Kathleen (Cookie) Ridolfi, works to exonerate innocent prisoners and to pursue legal reforms to redress the causes of wrongful conviction. NCIP teaches students the importance of justice through law and serves as a resource for others working to exonerate innocent prisoners convicted in Northern California courts.
- For civil justice, the **Alexander Law Center** (formerly East San José Community Law Center), guided by Angelo Ancheta, provides legal services to low-income residents throughout Silicon Valley. Full representation cases focus on immigration, workers' compensation, workers' rights, and consumer law.



Katharine & George
Alexander
Community Law
Center

Financial Support remains key to the continuation of these programs.

How Your Financial Support Can Help Santa Clara Students Serve Community Needs for Social Justice While Studying Law

The Center for Social Justice and Public Service seeks endowment and quasi-endowment funding to support its activities.



Stephanie M. Wildman, Dean Don Polden, Dean Chris Edley (Boalt Hall), Lia Epperson, and Angelo Ancheta



Liza-Jane Capatos, Juan Calzetta, and Kimberly Love, Class of 2008

It's very reaffirming to know that there is support at the law school for student involvement in social justice work. I've never contributed to a project that has meant as much to me as the social justice work I have done while at Santa Clara.

Lorraine Sachiko, '08

Potential Endowment Gifts with Naming Opportunities

- ▶ \$12 million endows the Center for Social Justice and Public Service.
- ▶ \$2 million endows a clinical program at the Alexander Law Center.
- ▶ \$1.5 million endows a fellowship to place a Santa Clara graduate in a public interest and social justice law office for one year of work (modeled on the Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship).
- ▶ \$1 million endows a clinical teaching position in the Northern California Innocence Project or the Alexander Law Center.
- ▶ \$800,000 endows a Teaching Scholar.
- ▶ \$500,000 endows an NCIP graduate fellowship to train a recent law graduate in innocence work.
- ▶ \$350,000 endows a Visiting Practitioner.
- ▶ \$200,000 endows a Social Justice Scholar.
- ▶ \$125,000 endows an annual Diversity Lecture.
- ▶ \$100,000 endows a Social Justice Summer Fellowship for a law student.

Annual Gift-Giving Opportunities

- ▶ \$10,000 annually funds the Center's Visiting Practitioner program, which brings public interest and social justice practitioners to campus for two to three days during the Fall and Spring terms to mentor students, teach, lecture, and meet with faculty.
- ▶ \$10,000 funds the Social Justice Workshop.
- ▶ \$6,000 funds a Diversity Lecture, with a reception and dinner for the speaker with students and faculty.
- ▶ \$5,000 supports the Alexander Law Center workshop program to educate low-income community members about their legal rights.
- ▶ \$3,500 funds a summer stipend for a student to work for social justice in a community law office or public interest-oriented practice. Our goal is to fund 20 students each summer by providing at least \$3,500 to each of them.
- ▶ \$2,500 supports an Alexander Law Center advice clinic to provide legal counseling to 100 low-income individuals.
- ▶ \$2,000 underwrites an NCIP "boot camp," a two-day, intensive training session to prepare law students for innocence casework.
- ▶ \$250 underwrites a Social Justice Judicial Roundtable.
- ▶ \$125 underwrites refreshments for students at a Center lunchtime event.

Friends of the Center for Social Justice and Public Service

We hope that you will consider pledging \$1,000 annually for five years. You will be invited to lectures and receptions and to meet with students, faculty, and other friends of the Center. We would appreciate your support of the Center's work to make the law school experience better for the next generation of social justice-minded students, as well as to ensure that concerns for social justice issues remain in the forefront of legal education for all students.

The Center targets funding student summer work as a high priority.

Consider making a gift to support Santa Clara law students working for social justice through one of these programs:

The Public Interest and Social Justice Endowment

The Public Interest and Social Justice Endowment (“The Endowment”) funded two financial assistance programs: Income Supplement Grants and Public Interest and Social Justice Endowment Summer Fellowships. Each program is oriented toward a different need.

The Endowment funded \$18,000 in Income Supplement Grants during 2007-08 for alumni working as attorneys with public interest and social justice organizations. Those organizations included working for Shasta County Public Defender, Casa Cornelia Law Center, Coalition for Humane Immigrants Rights of Los Angeles, San Joaquin County Office of the Public Defender, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, and the Legal Aid Society – Louisville, KY.

The Endowment funded \$56,250 in Summer Grants during 2008 for 18 students working as volunteers with public interest and social justice organizations. These organizations include: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, Children’s Law Center, East Bay Community Law Center, Catholic Charities, Office of the State Public Defender, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization Policy and Statutory Implementation Unit, California Appellate Project, Department of Labor – Employee Benefits Securities Admin., Center for Justice and Accountability, American Civil Liberties Union, Legal Aid Association of California, The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley (Mental Health Advocacy Project), Human Rights First, Legal Aid Association of California, Pro Bono Project of Silicon Valley, Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center. Additionally, the Endowment supported the Stevens Fellowship program.

Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowships

In honor of United States Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, Skip Paul ’75 established the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowships at Santa Clara University School of Law. These fellowships provide financial assistance to Santa Clara University law students to fund public interest and social justice law summer positions.

For summer 2008, the selection committee awarded fellowships to Adam Micahel Birnbaum (Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Fair Housing Law Project), Russell Mangan (California Appellate Project), Natalia Nahra (Documentation Centre of Cambodia), Delores Thomas (Pro Bono Project of Silicon Valley), Paul Christopher Torio (World Organization for Human Rights USA), and Nicholas Webber (Watsonville Law Center).



Justice John Paul Stevens

LGBT Legal Issues Summer Grants

With the generous support of Skip Paul, ’75 and the Dean’s Office, Santa Clara University School of Law has created two new grants for students who plan to work full-time doing legal-related work for a LGBT organization. These grants reward students who have shown a demonstrated commitment to and interest in the rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender individuals and people living with HIV, regardless of their sexual orientation.

Brad Jacklin will spend his summer with the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley – AIDS Legal Services. Brad will assist people living with HIV/AIDS who have an immediate need for help. He will work with attorneys to help draft wills, powers of attorney, represent clients on employment discrimination situations, and work to resolve private and public benefits disputes.

Center for Social Justice and Public Service Program Descriptions



Jennie Winter and Sharon Bashan (Pro Bono Project) Social Justice Monday Speakers

Social Justice Thursdays – Speaker Series: Joining theory and practice, the Center sponsors a lunch-time speakers' series on contemporary social justice issues. Recent topics have included: *Social Justice Lawyering In The Neighborhood - SCU Grads Talk about The Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley*; *Building the Transgender Law Center: A Report Back from the Cutting Edge*; *Capital Fellows Programs Information Session*; *Social Justice Lawyering and Immigration Law*; *Social Justice Lawyering: Housing Law and Community Economic Development*. Speakers are prominent attorneys who describe their practice, as well as scholars who discuss recent work. Faculty members serve as discussion facilitators.

Social Justice Thursdays – Essential Issues: Many first-year students believe that issues of social justice and legal ethics get lost in a thicket of technical knowledge. The Social Justice Thursday series addresses these concerns by providing first-year law students with a forum to discuss social justice issues, alternate perspectives on legal education, and first-year subject areas. Faculty members serve as discussion leaders.

Fall and Spring Social Justice Diversity Lectures: The 2007-08 Diversity Lectures featured Dean Christopher Edley, Jr. (Boalt Hall) speaking on *Circumventing Civil Rights Exhaustion Through Regulatory Social Justice: The Case of Achievement Disparities in K-12 Education* and Laura Gómez (New Mexico) speaking on *Manifest Destinies: The Making of the Mexican American Race*. Past lecturers have included: Mari Matsuda (Georgetown) (*The Last Public Place: On Schools and Democracy*); Berta Hernández-Truyol (Florida) (*International Human Rights as an Instrument of Social Justice*); Charles Ogletree (Harvard) (*All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education*); John A. Powell (Ohio State) (*A New Racial Paradigm and the Threat of White Space*); Elvia Arriola (Northern Illinois) (*Women, Violence, and the Global Economy*); Cheryl Harris (UCLA) (*Brown, Grutter, and the Elusive Nature of Equality*); Lani Guinier (Harvard) (*The Miner's Canary*); David Cruz (USC) (*Marriage Rights*); Marc Fajer (Miami) (*Social Justice and the Meaning of Equality: Some Lessons from the Fair Housing Act*); Juan Perea (Florida) (*History, Race, and the Border*); Vernellia R. Randall (Dayton) (*Social Justice and Reparations: Repairing the Slave Health Deficit*); and Neil Gotanda (Western State University) (*Unfinished Business: Race, Rights and Judicial Review on the Sixtieth Anniversary of U.S. v. Korematsu*).



Catherine Sandoval, Laura Gomez (New Mexico), and Stephanie M. Wildman

Social Justice Visiting Practitioner Program: The Visiting Practitioner Program brings prominent attorneys to campus to counsel students on pursuing public interest and social justice careers and to share their work. The Fall 2007 practitioner was Christopher Daley, Transgender Law Center and Spring 2008 practitioner was Roger Clay, Insight Center for Community Economic Development. Past practitioners have included: José Padilla, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.; Maya Harris, ACLU of Northern California; An Le, Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates; Michael Adams, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Irma Herrera, Executive Director, Equal Rights Advocates; Julie Su, Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Danielle R. Jones, Housing Rights Center; Anamaria Loya, La Raza Centro de Legal; and Victor Hwang, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach.



Roger Clay (Insight Center for Community Economic Development) with a law student.

Social Justice Workshop: This seminar includes talks by prominent scholars who present their work. Scholarly presentations are open to the community. In the Fall 2007, Professor Stephen Diamond taught the workshop, *Law and Labor in the Global Economy*. Past workshops have included: *Race, Economics, and Education*, *Health Policy & the Law*, *Transitional Justice*, *Post 9/11 Challenges to Social Justice and Constitutional Rights*, *Wealth, Class, and Inequality*, and *Biotechnology and Social Justice*.

Center for Social Justice and Public Service Program Descriptions (Cont.)

Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat: The Grillo Retreat provides a unique opportunity for law students, faculty, and practitioners to forge an alliance by exchanging viewpoints, exploring career opportunities, and formulating strategies for social justice. Co-sponsored by Santa Clara Law School and the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), with other law schools, this retreat honors the memory of Trina Grillo, 1948-96, who was a source of inspiration to many law students, professors, and lawyers. The 10th annual retreat convened to discuss *Communities Building Social Justice*.



The Honorable
Linda Kay
Davis

Public Interest and Social Justice Graduation: The school year culminates with the Public Interest and Social Justice celebration and graduation ceremony. The 2008 keynote speaker was the Honorable Linda Kay Davis, Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

The Center's website, www.scu.edu/law/socialjustice, provides updated information on these and other Center activities. We would be pleased to speak with you further about the Center for Social Justice and Public Service.