



“I would never be where I am today without Equal Justice Works. It supported me during law school, provided me with a fellowship after I graduated, gave me training and support, and provided a community of fellows all over the country who share my values and a vision for a more just nation.”

**EQUAL
JUSTICE
WORKS[®]**
Helping Lawyers Help Community

Tirien Steinbach

Executive Director
East Bay Community Law Center
Berkeley, California

Equal Justice Works Fellow
Class of 1999



“A critical part of legal education should be to expose students to the value of public service. Equal Justice Works is the nation’s leading nonprofit organization advancing this ideal, partnering with law schools to promote effective programs that ensure that public service is a part of every lawyer’s career.”

Elena Kagan

Dean
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Member
Equal Justice Works Law Schools

BUILDING A JUST SOCIETY

Imagine a country where everyone has access to the justice system, regardless of who they are or whether they can afford a lawyer.

The great promise of our democracy – equal justice under law – means that every individual who has serious legal needs will also have quality legal representation. At Equal Justice Works, we passionately believe that the poorest and most vulnerable among us – children, minorities, elders, workers, immigrants, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, the homeless – deserve the same access to justice as more fortunate citizens.

In standing up for those most in need, students and lawyers find solutions to our most challenging social problems: spiraling housing costs, access to health care, employment discrimination, consumer fraud, violence and others. Everybody benefits.

Equal Justice Works partners with law schools, law firms, corporate legal departments and nonprofit organizations to offer law students and lawyers a chance to change lives. From advocating for law school programs that instill public service values among students, to creating summer and postgraduate public interest jobs, to addressing the staggering educational debt that keeps lawyers from going into public service, Equal Justice Works inspires and provides opportunities for the legal community to make good on the promise of justice for all.

Providing a Continuum of Opportunity

Early public interest experience for law students and new lawyers leads to a lifelong commitment to justice. Equal Justice Works has created and continues to develop a continuum of opportunity for law students and new lawyers – real-world, practical help for lawyers to help community.

We nurture the concept of public interest law with law students and lawyers alike. Then we match legal needs with law professionals looking for ways to serve their communities.

To foster public service values, we collaborate with most of the law schools in the country to develop their public interest programs and opportunities. Together with Newsweek.com, we publish a free interactive online resource of public service opportunities, curricula and financial-aid programs at more than 150 law schools, [The E-Guide to Public Service at America's Law Schools](#). The E-Guide highlights factors essential to a quality legal education ... and to making a better lawyer.

We do more than raise the aspirations of law students and lawyers; we give them concrete opportunities to make a difference. In partnership with the federal volunteer service organization AmeriCorps, our [Pro Bono Legal Corps](#) promotes public service among law students and at law schools. Attorneys in the program raise awareness of public interest issues at law schools and recruit law students to do pro bono work, advancing public service as a career-long commitment.

Stewart Kwoh

President and
Executive Director
Asian Pacific American
Legal Center (APALC)
of Southern California
Los Angeles, California

Host organization for
Equal Justice Works Lawyers

For law students, each fall we bring together employers, job seekers and law school professionals for training, networking and shared inspiration at the largest national public interest career fair, the Equal Justice Works **Conference and Career Fair**.

Through **Summer Corps**, another partnership with AmeriCorps, we place some 350 law students at nonprofit legal aid organizations where they spend a summer serving under-represented individuals, communities and causes. They give their time and talents in exchange for a modest payment that helps defray educational costs, but many discover that the true reward is making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Equal Justice Works Fellowships is the largest postgraduate legal fellowship program in the United States. Every year, hundreds of law students graduate with a desire to work on behalf of underserved communities and causes. They apply to Equal Justice Works having designed their “dream job” with a nonprofit organization that has agreed to host the applicant if awarded a fellowship. Their projects range across a wide spectrum of issues, from protecting immigrant children to protecting the environment, from rebuilding neglected neighborhoods to rebuilding the torn lives of battered women. More than three-quarters of these fellows continue public interest work after their two-year fellowships.

“Equal Justice Works Lawyers offer civil rights organizations like APALC a supply of talented young attorneys who make lasting contributions to our causes. The program brings them into the world of advocacy, public policy, public education and litigation. The experience convinces many of them to remain in public service.”



Partners in Justice

Equal justice should be the work of every lawyer.

At Equal Justice Works, we engage members of the legal community at every step of a lifelong journey through public service. Every lawyer can and should give back to the community. In the process, law students and lawyers alike develop valuable skills and expertise that make them more effective in their profession.

We know that *equal justice works*. We invite you to join us in making the United States a more secure, just and equitable nation by ensuring a future with lawyers working in the public interest.

Our program participants help thousands of individuals directly, changing lives every day. But Equal Justice Works Lawyers also help change communities and develop into leaders who deliver results far into the future.

Please make sure Equal Justice Works ...

On your campus:

Apply for Summer Corps or for a Fellowship. Work for the expansion of public interest law programming in your curriculum. Become a school member of Equal Justice Works. Seek out public service opportunities.

In your law firm or company:

Sponsor an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Encourage and support pro bono efforts.

In your community:

Support the work of Equal Justice Works Lawyers by making a financial contribution. For nonprofit organizations, consider hosting an Equal Justice Works Lawyer.

Visit us at www.equaljusticeworks.org to learn more or to make a contribution.

“Pro bono work has been an important part of my entire professional career. In fact, pro bono cases have provided some of my best moments as a lawyer. That’s why Equal Justice Works is so important – it provides hands-on public interest opportunities for law students and lawyers early in their careers, which instills values that will last a lifetime.”



Brad Smith

Senior Vice President and General Counsel
Microsoft Corporation
Redmond, Washington

Recipient
Scales of Justice Award
Equal Justice Works 2007 Awards Dinner

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