



JOHN PAUL STEVENS FOUNDATION

2023 Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowships Announcement of Application Process for Fellowships at Nonprofits

Applications Open: Thursday, October 13, 2022
Deadline: 11pm Eastern on Sunday, November 6, 2022

The John Paul Stevens Foundation is delighted to announce the second year of Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowships to support four law students doing summer internships focused on substantive issues that were of great importance to Justice Stevens. The Foundation is opening an opportunity for law students from 25 law schools to apply for a Stevens Fellowship at the following four organizations:

- Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence (Washington DC)
- Capital Appeals Project (Louisiana)
- Northern California Innocence Project (California)
- Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases (Texas)

There will be one Stevens Fellow selected for each of these organizations. **Each Fellow will receive a \$6,000 stipend for the summer.** The stipend cannot be combined with other funding from the student's law school; it can be combined with other sources of summer funding external to the law school. Please see more information about the organizations and internships in the final pages of this announcement. To be eligible to apply for these 2022 Stevens Fellowships, law students must be attending one of the 25 law schools listed on the next page.

These four Fellows will join a national cohort of over 150 Stevens Fellows selected by their law schools and working in public interest placements around the country during the summer of 2023. All Stevens Fellows receive access to an online summer public interest "kick-off" event, periodic trainings, and a national cohort of over 700 alumni Stevens Fellows, 74% of whom are working in public interest legal careers.

About the Stevens Foundation: Advancing a Legacy of Justice

Vision: The John Paul Stevens Foundation seeks to build a more just and equitable society.

Mission: As a living tribute to Justice John Paul Stevens, the Foundation works to protect and promote democracy and the rule of law, access to justice, and equality by supporting law students, lawyers, and others working in the public interest. The John Paul Stevens Foundation is dedicated to promoting public interest and social justice values in the next generation of American lawyers. The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Program reflects Justice Stevens's deep belief that a dynamic and effective justice system depends on a cadre of trained and committed lawyers doing public interest work. (See www.jpstevensfoundation.org.)



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Application Process

The deadline for applications is 11:00 pm Eastern on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Students must submit applications online at this link:

<https://bit.ly/StevensFellowships2023>

If applying to more than one organization, students must upload a separate PDF for each organization. The application PDFs should be named as follows:

Your Name_Name of Organization_Your Law School_2022

Example: RosaRodriguez_BradyCampaign_FAMUCollegeofLaw_2023

Email questions about the application process to: admin@jpstevensfoundation.org.

To be eligible for consideration, each PDF application must include the following components:

1. A statement of interest (cover letter) addressed to the specific organization explaining professional areas of interest, goals for the internship, and why the student would like to intern for that specific organization.
2. A statement of between 500 and 900 words describing how your prior experiences, plans for the summer, and hopes for your legal career after graduation connect to (a) the mission of the John Paul Stevens Foundation; (b) the mission of the organization to which you are applying; and (3) Justice Stevens' jurisprudence and impact on the areas of law on which the organization works. Statements must include specific references to Justice Stevens's opinions or writings, or to articles written about the Justice's legacy and impact on these issues. **Statements that do not refer specifically to Justice Stevens's philosophy, jurisprudence, and legacy will not be considered eligible in the review process.**
3. Resume
4. Current 2Ls: a Transcript (can be unofficial). (No transcript is required for 1Ls).
5. Three professional references (which may include professors)
6. Legal writing sample (no longer than 5 pages). For 1Ls without a legal writing sample, please submit an alternative writing sample that advocates for a position on a legal or policy topic that demonstrates an ability to analyze facts and rules, synthesize information, and write clearly.



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Selection Process & Timeline

Applications are first screened by the Stevens Foundation. Applications found by the Foundation to be eligible for consideration will be distributed to the nonprofit organizations in early November. Each nonprofit will conduct its own, independent selection process during November and December 2022. The four Stevens Fellows will be selected by January 30, 2023.

Eligible Law Schools

Students must be attending one of these law schools to be eligible to apply.

1. Emory University School of Law
2. Florida A&M University College of Law
3. Fordham University School of Law
4. Georgia State University College of Law
5. Howard University School of Law
6. Indiana University Maurer School of Law
7. North Carolina Central University School of Law
8. Seattle University School of Law
9. Southern University Law Center
10. Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law
11. University of Alabama School of Law
12. UC Davis School of Law
13. UCLA School of Law
14. University of Florida Levin College of Law
15. University of Idaho College of Law
16. University of Illinois College of Law (Champaign-Urbana)
17. University of Michigan Law School
18. University of Minnesota Law School
19. University of Mississippi Law School
20. University of Oklahoma Law School
21. University of Pittsburgh School of Law
22. University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
23. University of Washington Law School
24. Washington University in St. Louis School of Law
25. Willamette University College of Law



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Information about the Organizations & Internships

Organization	Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence
Accepting Applications From:	Current 1Ls and 2Ls. Not open to students graduating from law school in spring 2023.
Mission & Work	For more than 40 years, the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence has been the leading national voice in the prevention of gun violence with an unrivaled history of success.
Internship Location	Preference for in-person in Washington DC with the option for virtual in select cases.
Internship Timing & Duration	10 weeks
Description of the Internship	Interns will take on a variety of projects critical for the development and litigation of potential and current cases. They will garner knowledge of several current liability cases and become part of the innovative and academically stimulating environment that helps to create strong gun violence prevention precedent throughout the country. Interns will gain hands-on litigation experience and will support all phases of legal advocacy, including developing new cases, helping prepare for trial and depositions, assisting with discovery, monitoring and exploring developments in gun violence litigation, and observing strategy sessions. Aimed at ending chronic violence that perpetuates cycles of poverty, most of the litigation is aimed at deterring gun suppliers' exploitation of low-income communities. Interns support civil suits against the gun industry's distribution of firearms to dealers despite knowing that those dealers will sell guns to traffickers, allow straw purchases, and fail to conduct proper background checks.
Links for Additional Information	https://bradyunited.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=101 https://www.bradyunited.org/



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Organization	Capital Appeals Project
Accepting Applications From:	Current 2Ls only.
Mission	<p>The Capital Appeals Project (CAP) is a non-profit law that provides capital appellate and post-conviction and trial representation to indigent people on Louisiana's death row. CAP is one of the leading death penalty appeals offices in the country and has represented clients in several recent cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. CAP provides high-quality representation in the state and federal courts throughout Louisiana and acts as a resource to public defenders and criminal defense lawyers across the state. CAP attorneys have successfully represented clients in state district courts, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court, which in turn has improved the quality and standards of representation for indigent capital defendants in Louisiana. CAP also represents a number of non-capital juvenile clients in proceedings implementing the recent Miller/Montgomery Supreme Court decisions which limit life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders. CAP works closely with The Promise of Justice Initiative, a non-profit focusing on conditions of confinement work and death penalty abolition. This unique structure allows direct representation to inform systemic challenges – and vice versa – and provides the flexibility to identify and pursue change where it is most needed.</p>
Internship Location	Internship is In-Person . Location is 1024 Elysian Fields Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117
Internship Timing & Duration	Interns start on May 30, 2023, and the internship is for 10 weeks.
Description of the Internship	<p>Each intern is assigned to a senior attorney for supervision and mentorship. Interns work on individual cases in appeal, post-conviction or federal habeas proceedings, assisting attorneys, investigators, and other staff. Depending on the caseload of their supervising attorney, interns may also have the opportunity to participate in some civil conditions of confinement cases. Work includes visiting clients on death row, reviewing trial records, legal research and writing including preparing motions and briefs, and assisting with investigation, reviewing and collecting records, and conducting factual analysis in cases. The work demands rigorous attention to detail and creative thinking and offers students a closely supervised opportunity to learn the intricacies of death penalty jurisprudence, as well as criminal, appellate, and federal habeas law. The internship begins with a training program and includes weekly brown bag lunches where interns have the opportunity to learn from and meet some of the top public interest lawyers and workers from other organizations around the city, as well as CAP staff.</p>
Link for Additional Information	https://capitalappealsproject.org/



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Organization	Northern California Innocence Project
Accepting Applications From:	Current 1Ls and 2Ls. Not open to students graduating from law school in spring 2023.
Mission	<p>The Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP) is a non-profit clinical program of Santa Clara University School of Law. NCIP's mission is to promote a fair, effective, and compassionate criminal justice system and protect the rights of the innocent. NCIP challenges wrongful convictions on every front by exonerating the innocent, educating future attorneys, and reforming criminal justice policy. NCIP envisions a criminal justice system that makes us safer, is cost-effective, and is fair and equitable – one that accurately separates the innocent from the guilty and treats all with fairness and compassion. NCIP strives to partner with all stakeholders – from law enforcement to advocates – to ensure that this vision is realized. NCIP was founded in 2001 by Kathleen “Cookie” Ridolfi and Linda Starr at a moment when new legislation had been adopted in California (CA Penal Code Section 1405) to permit convicted inmates to seek DNA testing that would prove their innocence. Both Ridolfi and Starr had worked for many years as trial and appellate attorneys and saw opportunities to rectify errors in the system and free innocent people. At first working with volunteer staff and law students, they immediately took on cases that led to NCIP's first exoneration in 2002. Today, NCIP has 10 staff members and many dedicated volunteers, students, and pro bono partners. To date, NCIP has won justice for 35 individuals who collectively have spent more than 525 years in prison.</p>
Internship Location	In-Person Internship is preferred, but hybrid or remote work could be accommodated. Location is Santa Clara University School of Law, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053.
Internship Timing & Duration	Internship is 10 weeks. June 5 to August 11 is preferred, but there is some flexibility.
Description of the Internship	Law students will work on any of a wide range of projects, including transcript summaries, legal drafting, editing of documents, legal research, factual research, legislative research and drafting, data input for research projects, and social media content production.
Link for Additional Information	https://ncip.org/



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Organization	The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases Office (Texas)
Accepting Applications From:	Current 1Ls and 2Ls. Not open to students graduating from law school in spring 2023.
Mission	Mission: Advocating the value of our clients' lives. Vision: Ending the death Penalty one life at a time. The office represents only indigent defendants charged with a capital case where the death penalty is sought at the trial level.
Internship Location	Students will be assigned to one of six trial offices of the RPDO (Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Terrell, Austin, San Antonio, or Angleton) based upon the needs of the organization.
Internship Timing & Duration	Internship is 10 weeks and in-person . There is a mandatory, in person, orientation in Lubbock, Texas on May 24-25, 2023 . The internship will begin May 30 and end August 4, 2023. Interns are expected to be in their office during each workday. Students are responsible for housing and transportation in their respective locations. Each intern is responsible for travel to Lubbock, Texas for orientation and then for their travel to their office location. Access to a car is required for this internship , as public transportation is not viable in many of the office locations.
Description of the Internship	Interns will assist the capital trial teams with all aspects of the RPDO's work depending on what needs to be done and what qualifications the intern has. <i>(Please see the link below to the webpage with a list of the types of activities that interns should expect to do, based on the needs of the office)</i> . Interns are expected to be committed, work hard, actively participate and have fun learning. Many of the RPDO's clients are outside the specific location of a trial office; interns can expect to travel with the trial teams as necessary, perhaps overnight. Interns will gain substantive knowledge of the RPDO's work, including the legal and procedural aspects of death penalty litigation in Texas as well as Federal Constitutional standards applicable to all death penalty defense.
Links for Additional Information	http://www.rpdo.org/summer-internship/ http://www.rpdo.org/