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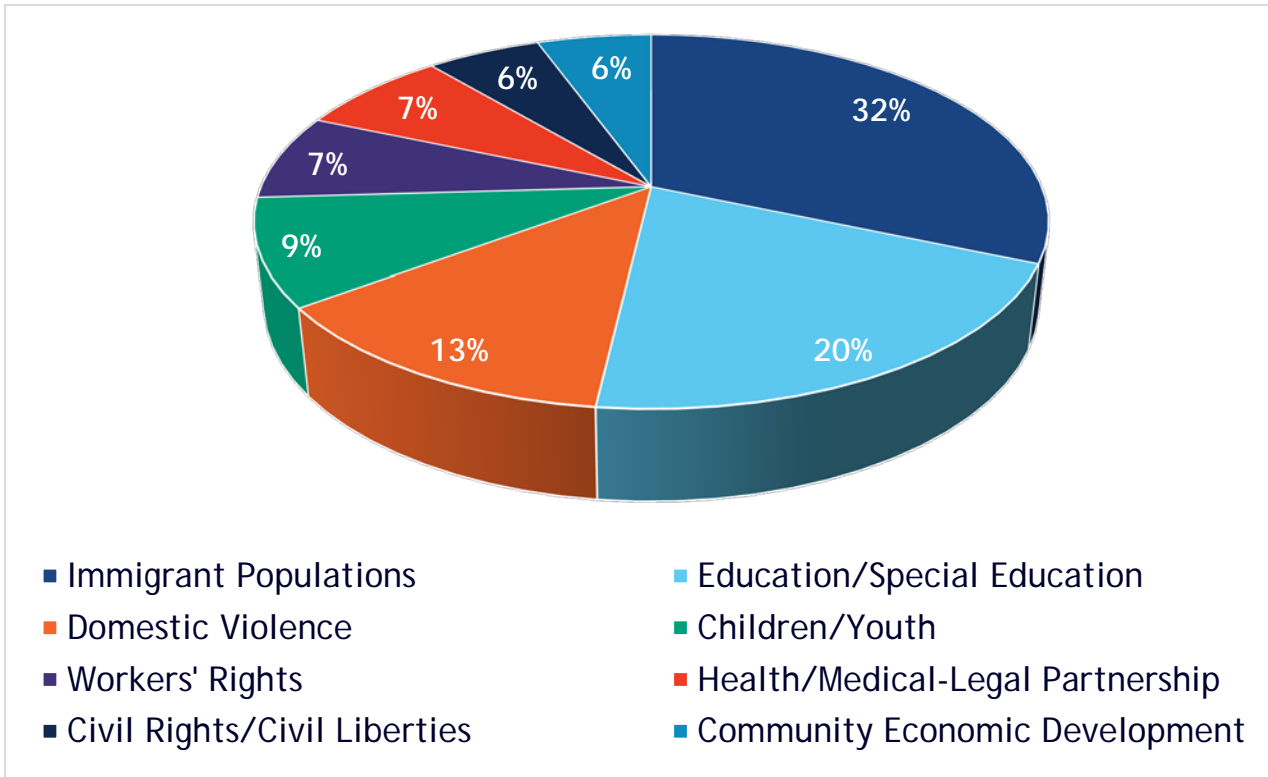
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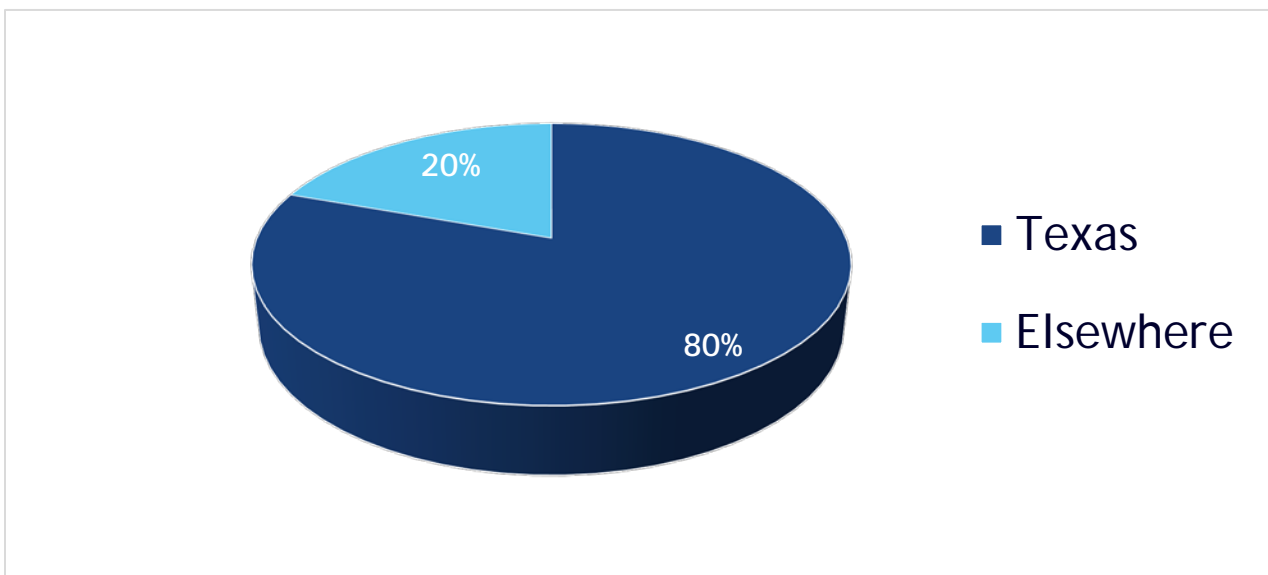
/ Equal Justice Works and the Texas Access to Justice Foundation celebrate 21 years of partnership

Equal Justice Works would like to thank Texas Access to Justice Foundation for the tremendous contributions the Foundation has made to America's largest post-graduate legal fellowship program. Since 1999, the Texas Access to Justice Foundation has supported **over 65 two-year Fellowships**. These Fellows have delivered critically needed legal services at more than **20 nonprofit host organizations**, working on a variety of issues including disability rights, education, immigration, veterans' rights, and community economic development. Among Texas Access to Justice Foundation Fellowship Alumni, **over 80 percent remain in public interest** today. This compendium demonstrates the impact that the Texas Access to Justice Foundation has had in launching the public interest careers of these attorneys. Equal Justice Works thanks the Texas Access to Justice Foundation for this outstanding commitment to ensuring equal access to the justice system for underserved individuals and communities.

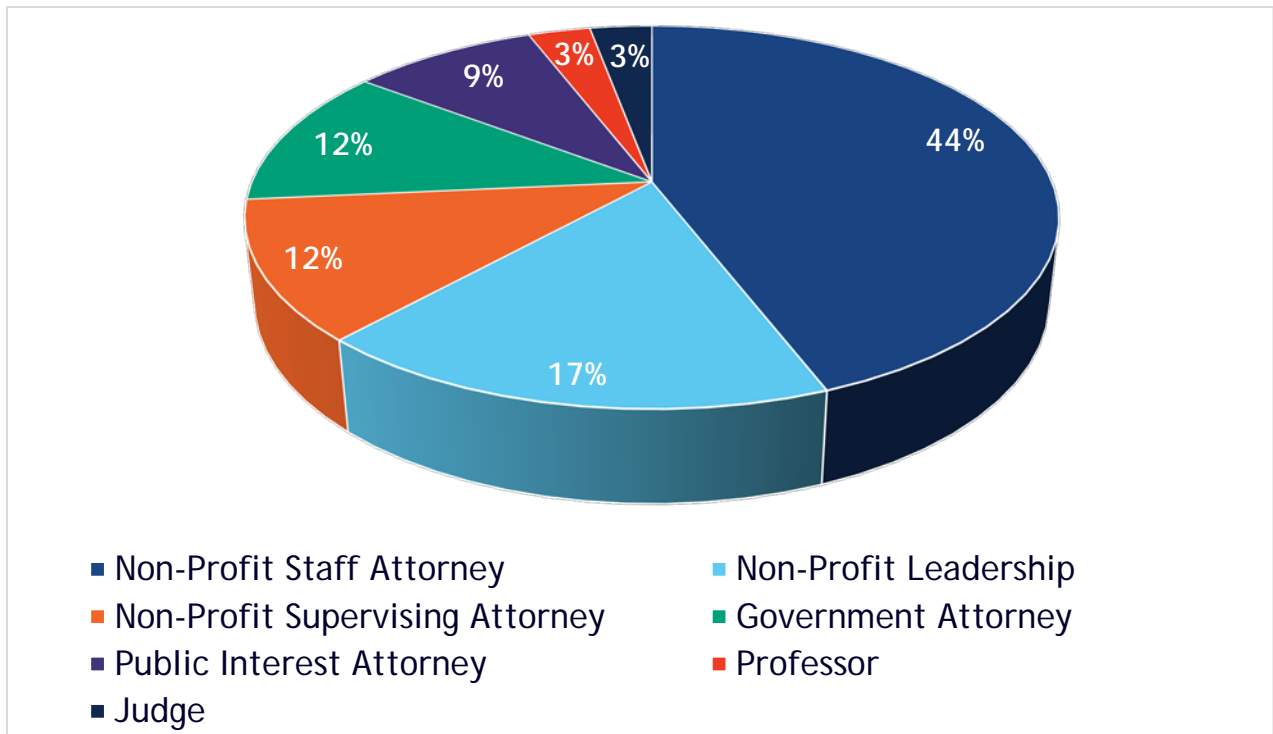
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“When I heard the Texas Access to Justice Foundation had agreed to support a project to increase access to legal services for undocumented survivors of domestic violence in Laredo, I was delighted. I'd like to thank the Texas Access to Justice Foundation for their support as we worked to increase access to legal services for survivors of violence in the Laredo-Webb County area. Together we played an important role in empowering survivors!”

Adriana Rodriguez, Class of 2011

“I would like to thank the Texas Access to Justice Foundation for sponsoring my Equal Justice Works fellowship with Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. (FVPS). The sponsorship of the Texas Access to Justice Foundation provides me with the opportunity not only to deter violations of court orders regarding domestic violence, but also to enable victims and their families to attain stability and safety. I am very excited about the opportunity to build on FVPS's history of providing comprehensive rehabilitative services to victims of domestic violence in San Antonio.”

Meghan Kempf, Class of 2012

“I am very grateful to Texas Access to Justice Foundation for providing me with the opportunity to found the Austin Medical-Legal Partnership, through which I work to address socio-legal issues causing or exacerbating health problems. I wake up excited every morning about my ‘dream job’—about the chance to learn something new and help someone in need. Words cannot express my gratitude to TAJF for making my Equal Justice Works Fellowship possible, so I will keep it simple: Thank you.”

Keegan Warren-Clem, Class of 2012

“I will be forever grateful to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation for making it possible for me to begin my legal career at the Texas Civil Rights Project. Their support and generosity allowed us to greatly expand access to interpreters around the state.”

Abigail Frank, Class of 2009

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ILYCE SHUGALL

Year: 1999

Host Organization: South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR)

City/State: Harlingen, TX

Law School: DePaul University College of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Co-Sponsor: American Immigrant Lawyers Association

Project Description: Provide all immigration detainees at the nation's largest Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center with legal services, education, and increased access to counsel.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Ilyce joined Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP, a private firm with a notable practice in immigration and nationality law in San Francisco. Ilyce then returned to the public interest field in 2012, serving as Directing Attorney for the Immigration Program at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto. Then, Ilyce served as an immigration judge with the San Francisco Immigration Court before becoming the Executive Director of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild in 2019.

AMY MAGEE

Year: 2002

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Engage in a statewide Title IX reform effort using education and litigation to provide communities with the foundation necessary to address youth education inequities.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Amy joined the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), where she served as a Senior Attorney and a Community College Counsel, focusing on community college and special education issues. In 2018, Amy became the Director of Community College Services.

SHERI TOLLIVER

Year: 2002

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: Vanderbilt University Law School

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Engage in a statewide Title IX reform effort using education and litigation to provide communities with the foundation necessary to address youth education inequities.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Sheri stayed on at Texas Civil Rights Project for several years before becoming an Attorney for the Southern Disability Law Center. In 2018, she moved to Colorado, where she and her husband formed the Tolliver Law Firm, as well as the Yampa Valley Law & Advocacy Center, a legal organization that advances the rights of children who have experienced abuse, neglect or instability, and defends the rights of victims of domestic and sexual violence. Sheri serves as the Executive Director for the organization.

JUDGE BARBARA STALDER

Year: 2003

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Children/Youth

Project Description: Create a start-up children's law program providing legal services to abused and neglected children in Harris County, TX.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Barbara worked as an attorney for Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse. She then joined the Civil Practice Clinic at University of Houston Law Center and practiced family law at Stalder Law Office. Barbara was selected as a member to the Burta Rhoads Raborn Family Law Inn of Court and was appointed to the State Bar of Texas Civil Legal Services to the Poor Committee. Barbara was recently elected as judge for the 280th Family District Court, Harris County.

MATTHEW SEYMOUR

Year: 2004

Host Organization: Dallas Legal Hospice

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law

Issue Area: Health Care; HIV/AIDS

Project Description: Provide civil, health-related legal representation to persons living with HIV/AIDS and terminal illness in rural North Texas.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Matthew worked with the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc. Matthew is now serving as an Assistant Public Defender in the Dallas County Public Defender's Office.

SEAN PEVSNER

Year: 2005

Host Organization: Advocacy Inc. (now Disability Rights Texas)

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education; Disability Rights

Project Description: Assist students with disabilities to obtain the proper accommodations in their educational and employment careers.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Sean continued to assist clients with disabilities, including obtaining services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for clients with cerebral palsy. Sean founded the law firm of Whitburndac & Pevsner, PLLC, where he has developed a vibrant special education practice and worked on other aspects of education law, as well as guardianship and other probate proceedings.

BERNADETTE SEGURA

Year: 2005

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Housing/Homelessness

Project Description: Provide legal representation, advocacy, and outreach to San Antonio's homeless population.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Bernadette remained with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she is currently a Staff Attorney specializing in state and federal benefits and federally subsidized housing. She is also a team manager for the organization's Medical Legal Partnerships for El Paso and serves as the Chairperson for the Board of Directors at Project BRAVO, an organization that provides crisis intervention and case management assistance to low-income families.

RAMEY KO

Year: 2006

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Weslaco, TX

Law School: University of Chicago Law School

Issue Area: Domestic Violence; Housing/Homelessness

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence facing discrimination in public, subsidized and private housing.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Ramey served as an Attorney with the Texas Advocacy Project, where he continued to serve victims of domestic violence. He then became an Associate Judge with the Austin Municipal Court. In 2010, President Obama appointed Ramey to serve on the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. He has also been a Lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Asian American Studies. Today, Ramey is a member of The Ko Law Firm, PLLC and an Adjunct Professor at Texas Health and Science University. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of the Asian American Resource Center.

DAVID SADEGH

Year: 2006

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Housing/Homelessness

Project Description: Provide low-income tenants in Harris County with the information and legal resources they need to keep their homes.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, David remained at Lone Star Legal Aid as a Staff Attorney until 2011. He later founded the Law Offices of David J. Sadegh, where he focuses on landlord-tenant cases. David has conducted numerous presentations and CLE trainings on landlord-tenant law, including classes for the People's Law School, the NAACP legal clinic, and the Poverty Law section of the State Bar of Texas. He is now also an attorney with Perry & Shields, LLP.

DUSTIN W. RYNDERS

Year: 2006

Host Organization: Advocacy Inc. (now Disability Rights Texas)

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Represent low-income students disadvantaged by "zero tolerance" discipline policies and advocate for systemic reform.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Dustin remained at Disability Rights Texas, where he became the organization's resident expert on voting rights policy and provided support in the areas of special education and juvenile justice. Dustin is currently a Supervising Attorney on the DRTx Education Team, representing students and parents in special education litigation.

JESSICA ALAS

Year: 2007

Host Organization: Montgomery County Women's Center

City/State: Conroe, TX

Law School: Loyola University - New Orleans School of Law

Issue Area: Pro Se

Project Description: Provide civil legal services and pro se clinics to qualifying individuals while building a pro bono volunteer network among area attorneys.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Jessica began working with Lone Star Legal Aid in Houston, where she serves as a Staff Attorney.

JENNIFER LANDAU

Year: 2007

Host Organization: Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services

City/State: El Paso, TX

Law School: University of New Mexico School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Provide legal representation to immigrants facing removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review at the satellite El Paso, Texas holding facilities, with a special focus on refugees and victims of crime, torture, domestic violence and trafficking.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Jennifer remained with Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services. She then co-founded the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, where she is the Executive Director. Jennifer is a past chair of the Immigration and International Section of the State Bar of New Mexico and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law's Medical-Legal Alliance.

CORINNA SPENCER-SCHEURICH

Year: 2007

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Projects

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: Lewis and Clark, Northwestern School of Law

Issue Area: Consumer Rights; Community Economic Development

Project Description: Establish and coordinate a self-education and self-organization effort by low-income, Spanish-speaking, rural *colonia* residents along the Texas-Mexico border for consumer rights and economic justice.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Corinna remained at Texas Civil Rights Project and became the director of the South Texas Civil Rights Project. She then moved to Oregon to be a staff attorney for Northwest Workers' Justice Project, which provides high quality legal support and education to workers and their organizations.

JACOB WEDEMEYER

Year: 2007

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Weslaco, TX

Law School: University of Iowa College of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations; Workers' Rights

Project Description: Protect eligible Texas workers and temporary foreign workers in the H-2A, H-2B and proposed H-2C guest worker visa programs from employer abuse of the visa process and employment relationship.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Jacob served as an Assistant County Attorney for Val Verde County in Del Rio, Texas and later at the El Paso County Attorney's Office, where he worked as an Assistant County Attorney in the General Counsel Unit. Jacob then returned to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where he served as an Attorney and the Branch Manager of the Del Rio office.

COLLEEN ELBE

Year: 2008

Host Organization: Advocacy Inc. (now Disability Rights Texas)

City/State: Lubbock, TX

Law School: Texas Tech University School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Provide legal representation, advocacy, and training to children with unmet special education needs involved in the Lubbock County Juvenile Court or probation departments.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Colleen remained at Disability Rights Texas, where she continues to practice special education law and civil rights law. Colleen represents students with disabilities who are denied appropriate special education services or are illegally restrained, secluded, or disciplined as interventions to manifestations of their disability. Additionally, she works with inmates at the county jail level to ensure appropriate access to mental health services.

HELENA (CORONADO-SALAZAR) VENTURINI

Year: 2008

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Workers' Rights

Project Description: Provide innovative legal representation to open new access to the justice system in Texas allowing working poor people to fully collect unpaid wages that they have earned but been denied.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Helena practiced at Watson, Caraway, Midkiff & Lunningham, LLP, where she focused on health care professional liability defense, school law, landlord-tenant law, and civil litigation.

AMBER VANSCHUYVER

Year: 2008

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Weslaco, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Domestic Violence

Project Description: Enhance economic self-sufficiency for survivors of domestic violence through community education, litigation, and job creation by a worker-owned cooperative.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Amber remained at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she serves as the Domestic Violence/Family Law Team Manager in the Edinburg office.

SARAH BELLINGER BEEBE

Year: 2009

Host Organization: Advocacy Inc. (now Disability Rights Texas)

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: William & Mary School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education; Disability Rights

Project Description: Create a pro bono Special Education Clinic consisting of lawyers from the private bar to provide advice and representation to low-income students entitled to special education services.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Sarah remained with Disability Rights Texas as a Supervising Attorney, where she continues to provide direct representation to students with disabilities in need of legal services. Sarah conducts outreach and provides educational presentations and training to parents, lawyers, advocates, and all interested parties on the topic of special education law. She also works on systemic litigation and projects that help students with disabilities across Texas.

JESSICA CASSIDY

Year: 2009

Host Organization: Texas Legal Services Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: DePaul University College of Law

Issue Area: Domestic Violence

Project Description: Develop the economic self-sufficiency of victims of domestic violence with children so they are not compelled to return to their batterers for financial support.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Jessica remained at Texas Legal Services Center as a Staff Attorney, focusing primarily on consumer, health, and family law. Jessica is currently serving as a Privacy Counsel to Whole Foods Market in Austin.

ABIGAIL FRANK

Year: 2009

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: Georgetown University Law Center

Issue Area: Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Project Description: Serve the needs of Limited English Proficiency individuals in civil proceedings by educating judges and county policy makers about improving interpretation services and developing litigation to effect systemic change.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Abigail remained with Texas Civil Rights Project as a Staff Attorney, where she continued the work she started during her Fellowship to improve language access in a variety of settings including courts, hospitals, and jails. Abigail now serves at Texas Legal Services Center.

PATRICIA FRESHWATER

Year: 2009

Host Organization: Catholic Charities of Dallas

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of Virginia School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Co-Sponsor: Baker & McKenzie

Project Description: Provide legal services to detained immigrants by educating them regarding their rights and offering training and support to pro bono attorneys.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Patricia started a private immigration law practice at Freshwater & Lopez PLLC. Her practice areas include family-based visa petitions, deportation and removal defense in Immigration Court, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, asylum, waivers, Violence Against Women Act and U visa cases for victims of crimes, and deferred action for childhood arrivals.

KRISTIN (CONNOR) KIMMELMAN

Year: 2010

Host Organization: Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services

City/State: El Paso, TX

Law School: Florida State University College of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Provide abandoned, abused, and neglected immigrant youth in west Texas and southern New Mexico a path to citizenship through legal advocacy, community outreach, and organizational capacity building.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Kristin became a research and writing specialist with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Western District of Texas in El Paso. She is now an Assistant Federal Public Defender in San Antonio. She continues to work on her former Fellowship project on a pro bono basis.

CELINA MORENO

Year: 2010

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Obstruct the school-to-prison pipeline in San Antonio and nearby areas by informing families of their rights, collaborating with schools, fostering policy reform, and offering direct representation.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Celina continued working at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid on school-to-prison pipeline issues, as well as broader education and juvenile justice cases. In 2013, Celina became a Staff Attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in San Antonio. She also served as MALDEF's Interim Southwest Regional Counsel. Celina is currently the President & CEO of the Intercultural Development Research Association, a non-profit dedicated to equity and excellence in education.

ANDRÉS DURÁ

Year: 2010

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Workers' Rights

Project Description: Provide innovative legal representation to open new access to the justice system in the San Antonio area for working poor people who labor in construction jobs and are denied the wages they have earned.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Andrés started his own law firm in Austin, where he works with foreign entities seeking to do business in Texas. In his free time, Andrés volunteers as a teacher of free seminars to small and mid-size Spanish-speaking business owners in Central Texas, helping them grow their companies as part of the Hispanic Alliance's innovative Emprededor U program.

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

Year: 2011

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Laredo, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Provide legal representation and access to services for undocumented Texans who are victims of intimate partner violence and suffer from mental illness, including substance abuse.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Adriana joined her host organization, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she serves as a Staff Attorney. She continues to work closely with community stakeholders to improve outcomes for victims of intimate partner violence as the Team Manager for Sexual Assault Legal Assistance.

MICHELLE SMITH

Year: 2011

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Prisoners' Rights

Project Description: End the "accidental death penalty" for individuals confined in Texas jails, prisons, and detention centers through education, implementation, and advocacy.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Michelle accepted a position as an Assistant County Attorney for Montgomery County, Texas, where she worked in the Child Protective Services Division helping children who have been abused or neglected.

MEGHAN KEMPF

Year: 2012

Host Organization: Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue Area: Domestic Violence

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence to address the inadequate enforcement of civil family law court orders in San Antonio, Texas through litigation services and a community education program.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Meghan joined Policy Section of the Office of Chief Counsel at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which provides legal and policy expertise relating to Human and Health Agency Programs. Meghan focuses on women's health, refugee services, and Medicaid-managed service delivery.

SARAH (LOEFFLE) FORD

Year: 2012

Host Organization: Montgomery County Women's Center

City/State: Conroe, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Domestic Violence

Co-Sponsor: The John M. O'Quinn Foundation

Project Description: Provide permanent legal solutions to victims of domestic violence in Montgomery County, Texas through direct representation, public education, and community involvement.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Sarah served as the Acting Deputy of Client Services Division for the Staff Judge Advocate. In 2016, Sarah became a Labor Law Attorney in Fort Bragg, NC.

CHRISTINE NISHIMURA

Year: 2012

Host Organization: Disability Rights Texas

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education; Children/Youth

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy and teacher and attorney training to ensure minority special education students at risk of the juvenile justice system receive academically and culturally appropriate literacy programs and other necessary special education services in order to improve educational and life outcomes for these students.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Christine joined Disability Rights Texas as a Staff Attorney. She then became the General Counsel at the Texas Charter Schools Association. She recently became a Director for Teach for America in Austin, TX. Christine also served as an adjunct professor at The University of Texas School of Law, where she taught trial skills courses and coached mock trial.

KEEGAN WARREN-CLEM

Year: 2012

Host Organization: Texas Legal Services Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Health Care/Medical Legal Partnership

Project Description: Create a medical-legal partnership (MLP) in the underserved community of Dove Springs in Austin, Texas, to assist patient-clients with legal issues causing or exacerbating their medical conditions.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Keegan joined her host organization, Texas Legal Services Center, where she is now a Managing Attorney. Keegan is also an adjunct professor of law at The University of Texas at Austin, where she teaches an interprofessional course for graduate and doctoral students.

PETER MCGRAW

Year: 2013

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX

Law School: University of Michigan Law School

Issue Area: Criminal Law

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence to address the inadequate enforcement of civil family law court orders in San Antonio, Texas through litigation services and a community education program.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Peter remained at his host organization, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, as a Staff Attorney. He is now the Manager of the Civil Rights Team.

AMANDA PFEIFFER

Year: 2013

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

Law School: South Texas College of Law

City/State: Houston, TX

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations; Domestic Violence

Project Description: Provide family law services to refugee families and immigrant victims of domestic violence by creating a direct referral program between Lone Star Legal Aid and local immigration legal aid organizations.

EMILY SCHOOLS

Year: 2013

Host Organization: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

City/State: Abilene, TX

Law School: St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue Area: Children/Youth

Project Description: Create a juvenile division in the Abilene office of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas that provides education and advocacy for youth struggling with homelessness and the barriers created by their prior involvement with the justice system.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Emily joined her host organization, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas as a Staff Attorney. She then moved to Virginia to join the staff at Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia where she currently serves as a Managing Attorney.

STEPHANIE TRUONG

Year: 2013

Host Organization: South Texas College of Law

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: South Texas College of Law

Issue Area: Children/Youth

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy and support to youth aging out of foster care in Harris County, Texas to improve their social, education, and occupational opportunities as adults.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Stephanie joined Beacon Law as a Staff Attorney.

OLIVIA BARVIN

Year: 2014

Host Organization: Catholic Charities Cabrini Center

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Human Trafficking/Slavery

Project Description: Provide holistic legal representation to victims of human trafficking in Houston and create a framework through which nonprofits and pro bono attorneys can meet victims' wide-ranging legal needs.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Olivia joined her host organization where she continued to represent immigrants. In 2018, she discovered a passion for nutrition. Olivia enrolled in Integrative Nutrition and the Human Potential Institute and founded Root + Rise, a meal service and a wellness company with the mission of addressing a core issue in her community: a lack of access to delicious, nutrient-dense meals and wellness education.

GONZALO SERRANO

Year: 2014

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Issue Area: Workers' Rights

Project Description: Bring wage recovery and employment justice legal services to low-wage immigrant working men and women in Dallas/Ft. Worth, the largest urban area in the nation that lacks legal services of this kind.

Where is he now? Following his Fellowship, Gonzalo joined his host organization as a Staff Attorney. He then served as an Assistant District Attorney at the Dallas County District Attorney's office. In 2019, he opened the Law Office of Gonzalo Serrano, P.C. where he practices criminal defense.

JOHNATHAN SILVA

Year: 2014

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Issue Area: Veterans' Rights

Project Description: Advocate and appeal on behalf of returning veterans who are being denied the full benefits that their service and/or level of service-related injury merit.

Where are they now? Johnathan practices at J.D. Silva & Associates, PLLC, where he focuses on commercial litigation and personal injury.

MANI NEZAMI

Year: 2014

Host Organization: Earl Carl Institute

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: South Texas College of Law

Issue Area: Children/Youth; Criminal Law

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Address the issue of disproportionate minority contact through a holistic approach by providing legal representation to children who are in the criminal justice system, the mental health system and foster care system.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Mani joined the Earl Carl Institute as a Staff Attorney with the Juvenile Justice Project. He then opened The Law Office of Mani Nezami, PLLC where he practices juvenile criminal defense.

ESTHER KIM

Year: 2015

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations; Domestic Violence

Project Description: Provide the Asian community in Harris and Fort Bend Counties with legal services in guardianship and domestic violence cases through direct representation, outreach and collaboration with local organizations.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Esther stayed on with Lone Star Legal Aid as a Staff Attorney.

TOVAH PENTLEOVITCH

Year: 2015

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Curb problematic use of Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs in Austin and underserved regions through outreach and representation of the most at-risk students in school disciplinary proceedings.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Tovah remained at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid as a Staff Attorney.

HANNAH ALEXANDER

Year: 2016

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Workers' Rights

Project Description: Provide representation to help low-wage, immigrant janitorial workers challenge and prevent workplace sexual assault, theft-of-wages, employer fraud schemes, and similar severe employment abuses.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Hannah joined her host organization, Equal Justice Center, as an Attorney where she continues to focus on workers' rights.

BROOKE BISCHOFF

Year: 2016

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: El Paso, TX

Law School: Northeastern University School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Challenge currently unaddressed civil rights violations in immigrant communities, including detention center conditions, due process violations, and the arbitrary denial of U visa certifications by law enforcement agencies.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Brooke began working with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center's Non-Detained Deportation Defense team, where she specializes in asylum and appeals.

HANNAH HERZOG

Year: 2016

Host Organization: Texas Civil Rights Project

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Project Description: Address and remedy the refusal of Texas officials to identify, accommodate, and treat people with mental health needs in institutions through litigation, outreach, direct services, and advocacy.

Where are they now? Hannah serves as an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County. She also serves as a Board Member of Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos (the House of Hope for Children), a safe place for children in crisis due to abuse, neglect, or the effects of HIV.

TED EVANS

Year: 2016

Host Organization: Disability Rights Texas

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Disability Rights

Co-Sponsor: Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy and community outreach to people with disabilities isolated in work shelters earning pennies an hour in poor work conditions, and shut down the school-to-work shelter pipeline.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Ted remained at his host organization, Disability Rights Texas, as a Staff Attorney.

BEATRICE ROGER

Year: 2016

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: Northwestern University School of Law

Issue Area: Children/Youth

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Provide legal advocacy to crime victims, address the cyclical nature of crime by acknowledging and managing trauma, and diminish juvenile crime by incorporating restorative practices into schools.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Beatrice became a Staff Attorney at Oregon Health Justice Center and an Adjunct Professor at Gonzaga University School of Law.

STEPHANIE CHAMPION

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of California at Los Angeles School of Law

Issue Area: Community Economic Development

Project Description: Equip local residents and community groups in West Dallas with legal tools and strategies to advocate for equitable development in order to enhance social and economic opportunity.

Where are they now? Stephanie remained at her host organization, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, where she serves as a Staff Attorney.

REBECCA EISENBREY

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Michigan Law School

Issue Area: Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Project Description: Protect the civil rights and jobs of low-income Texans striving to overcome criminal records, using direct advocacy and enforcement of federal, state, and local civil rights laws and employment laws.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Rebecca remained at her host organization, Equal Justice Center, as a Staff Attorney.

ANN GARCIA

Year: 2017

Host Organization: RAICES

City/State: Fort Worth, TX

Law School: American University, Washington College of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Provide free legal services to vulnerable immigrants detained in ICE detention centers or in criminal custody in north Texas.

Where are they now? Ann serves as a Staff Attorney at Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

BRITTANY WHITTLE

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Disability Rights Texas

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: Georgetown University Law Center

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Advocate for parents and students to ensure that special education identification, evaluation, placement and service provision is not influenced by a student's race.

Where are they now? Brittany serves as an Assistant Attorney General for the Texas Attorney General.

BRETTNEY MOORE

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Beacon Law

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: South Texas College of Law

Issue Area: Criminal Justice Reform

Project Description: Assist individuals who are on probation, enrolled in a diversion program, or recently released from jail or prison obtain the treatment and resources necessary to successfully re-integrate into society.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Brettney became a Staff Attorney at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas.

CRISTIAN SANCHEZ

Year: 2017

Host Organization: RAICES

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Represent immigrant populations that are newly in danger of immigration enforcement through community education, preparation, and direct representation.

Where are they now? Following his Fellowship, Cristian remained at his host organization, RAICES, as a Staff Attorney.

NATALIE CADWALADER-SCHULTHEIS

Year: 2017

Host Organization: South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR)

City/State: Harlingen, TX

Law School: University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations; Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

Project Description: Represent transition-age youth in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention, work with pro bono attorneys to improve transition-age youth's access to immigration legal services, and develop best practices and legal orientation materials for attorneys working with this population.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Natalie joined San Antonio Region Justice for Our Neighbors as a Staff Attorney. There, she serves those pursuing humanitarian relief with a focus on asylum seekers-both those forced to remain in Mexico under the "Migrant Protection Protocols" and those detained in the US. Additionally, she evaluates and identifies possible paths towards legal status for immigrants currently living the colonias.

CAMILLE VAN KOTE

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Provide family law representation to low-income immigrant women who have been victims of crime and establish a referral network to meet the victims' wide-ranging legal needs.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Camille became the Executive Director of Esperanza Immigration Legal Services (EILS). Since 2009, EILS has empowered clients seeking a path to full participation in American society.

DAPHNE MCGEE (WILSON)

Year: 2017

Host Organization: Texas Legal Services Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: Emory University School of Law

Issue Area: Health Care/Medical Legal Partnership

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Introduce a legal checkup to specifically and systematically address the legal needs of underserved pregnant and non-pregnant patients of the new Center for Women's Health and their families.

Where are they now? Following her Fellowship, Daphne remained at her host organization, Texas Legal Services Center, as a Staff Attorney.

REEMA ALI

Year: 2018

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Build a new model of integrated employment-and-immigration legal services for vulnerable immigrant working families by combining employment law expertise with immigration law expertise.

BRADY GRANGER

Year: 2018

Host Organization: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

City/State: Lubbock, TX

Law School: University of California at Los Angeles School of Law

Issue Area: Veterans' Rights

Project Description: Design and implement a robust and cohesive program of legal clinics, legal representation, outreach, and community education sessions serving the community of veterans in West Texas.

HUDSON KYLE

Year: 2018

Host Organization: RAICES

City/State: San Antonio, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Prevent the rapid deportation of immigrants in south Texas with prior removal orders, reopen their proceedings, and help them seek relief.

KARLA PEREZ

Year: 2018

Host Organization: Tahirih Justice Center

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Houston Law Center

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Increase access to culturally competent, holistic legal services to immigrant women and girls who are survivors of gender-based violence in underserved communities in the greater Houston region.

EVA SIKES

Year: 2018

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

City/State: Brownsville, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Consumer Rights

Project Description: Combat displacement and housing instability of low-income homeowners in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas through legal advocacy and outreach.

KASSANDRA GONZALEZ

Year: 2019

Host Organization: Texas Legal Services Center

City/State: Austin, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Health Care/Medical Legal Partnership

Co-Sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Expand the Austin Medical-Legal Partnership to a school-linked health center and integrate legal interventions to address the long-term negative health effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on at-risk youth.

DANIEL PHAM

Year: 2019

Host Organization: Equal Justice Center

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: Duke University School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Help build the first legal aid office in Houston specializing in employment law assistance for immigrant and low-wage working men and women regardless of their immigration status

ALICIA ALVARADO

Year: 2020

Host Organization: American Gateways

City/State: Waco, TX

Law School: Baylor Law School

Issue Area: Immigrant Populations

Project Description: Provide direct immigration legal services to noncitizens detained in rural jails and immigration detention centers surrounding the Waco, TX area as well as noncitizens who have been recently released.

LESLIE ALVAREZ

Year: 2020

Host Organization: Disability Rights Texas

City/State: McAllen, TX

Law School: St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue Area: Education/Special Education

Project Description: Ensure indigent children with disabilities in South Texas receive Early Childhood Intervention and special education services that will decrease future needs through legal representation and outreach.

CHASE PORTER

Year: 2020

Host Organization: Lone Star Legal Aid

City/State: Houston, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Environmental Justice

Project Description: Uphold the rights of low-income communities to be heard and respected during the development of port infrastructure along the Texas coast through community engagement, education, and advocacy.

LAURA TUCKER

Year: 2020

Host Organization: Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

City/State: Alpine, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Consumer Rights

Project Description: Provide civil services to low-income clients in rural Far West Texas.

CAITLIN MACHELL

Year: 2020

Host Organization: Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas

City/State: Dallas, TX

Law School: University of Texas School of Law

Issue Area: Homelessness

Co-sponsor: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Project Description: Promote housing stability and income maintenance for adults with serious mental illness in Dallas County through direct representation, community partnerships for intake and referral, and education.