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Our 2018 Fellows



Welcome

We are pleased to present the 18 outstanding law students from 17 law schools who have been selected as Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Fellows and members of our Class of 2018.

This year, the Foundation crossed the Atlantic and welcomed our first European fellowship to a student attending the Collège d'Europe in Bruges, Belgium. In conjunction with our goal of making the Foundation global, we welcome fellows who were born or have lived in Sierra Leone, Italy, Nigeria, Japan, Columbia and Germany.

This past summer, our Fellows worked for international organizations, on Senate Committees, in federal agencies and with not-for-profit organizations. Their public interest and public service passions are described in this brochure, and focus on voting rights, international conflict resolution, immigration and refugee rights, environmental law, correcting unjust criminal convictions, US trade, international law, health issues and hurricane damage relief work in Puerto Rico.

We are proud of our 2018 Fellowship Class, and of the contribution the Foundation continues to make to the careers of our Fellows, to the organizations and government offices they work for, and the people who those organizations and offices serve.

This is only made possible through your contributions, and we acknowledge and thank our 2017 financial contributors in the final pages of this brochure. We also wish to thank the many people who contributed their time and talents to the Foundation.

If you would like to learn more about the Squire Patton Boggs Foundation, participate in its activities or make a contribution, please contact the Chair of our Advisory Committee, Jack Nadler, the Secretary of the Foundation, Dee Sparks, either of us or any other member of our Board of Directors.



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Finally, we dedicate this brochure to Marianne Murphy, who was the Foundation's first Secretary, worked diligently to support the Ironworkers case, created a Staff Committee whose legacy continues, and brought treasured values, sensitivity, judgment and kindness to the Foundation and to all those fortunate enough to know her.

**Shally Kim**

American University, Washington
College of Law

**FDA Office of Regulatory Policy for the
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**

Shally Kim attends American University Washington College of Law, where she is a rising 3L law student. She worked at the Office of Regulatory Policy, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) of the US Food & Drug Administration. While at CDER, she worked to ensure that human drugs are safe and effective for their intended uses and meet established quality standards. Shally conducted legal research and analysis on drug-related issues and contributed to regulatory projects involving the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. She also assisted attorneys in developing policies and guidance affecting the drug approval process.

**Cory Stevenson**

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law

**Traditional Unit/Federal Public Defender/
Northern District of Ohio**

Cory Stevenson is a rising third-year student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Cory spent his summer at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland, Ohio. During his time there, Cory worked in the Traditional Unit helping ensure that indigent federal defendants received proper legal representation. He researched and drafted various submissions to the federal courts and attended and participated in a variety of court hearings. This internship should help Cory in his goal of beginning a career in public interest law.

**Kara-Marie Urban**

Catholic University of America,
Columbus School of Law

US Senate Committee on Finance

Kara-Marie Urban clerked at the US Senate Committee on Finance this summer. Her work on the Committee's International Trade team included legislative research, cross-checking statutes and regulations, writing inter-office memoranda to the attorneys and attending hearings. Kara-Marie worked closely with the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 and the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. She also summarized briefings and reports by the US Trade Representative pertaining to ongoing litigation involving the US at the World Trade Organization, as well as the US-China trade relationship.

**Laura Schiemichen**

Collège D'Europe

US Department of State, US Mission to the European Union

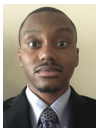
Laura Schiemichen is completing a joint degree in Transatlantic Affairs between the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and the College of Europe. She spent her fellowship with the US Department of State at the US Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. In her role within the Foreign Commercial Service, Laura supported American firms navigating compliance with EU trade policies and regulations. She was drawn to this position due to her interest in foreign policy and the external representation of the US abroad. She plans to pursue a career in public service and global engagement.

**Valencia V. Richardson**

Georgetown University Law Center

Campaign Legal Center

Valencia Richardson is a rising 2L at the Georgetown University Law Center. She interned at the Campaign Legal Center (CLC) in Washington DC. During her time there, Valencia focused on a variety of election law issues, including voting rights, campaign finance and government ethics. Specifically, she supported the CLC's litigation efforts in a partisan gerrymandering case and a challenge to voter ID laws, as well as their voter education and awareness campaigns involving voting rights.

**Lemuel Howard**

Howard University School of Law

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

Lemuel Howard is a rising third-year law student at Howard University School of Law. Lemuel spent his summer as a legal intern for the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project in Washington DC. As an intern, he was responsible for developing investigation strategies and researching trial materials in the pursuit of exonerating wrongfully convicted persons. This included going into the field and interviewing witnesses who were present at the scene of the crime, locating witnesses who may have recanted their testimony from the initial trial, and using DNA evidence to determine the guilt/innocence of the client if the case so required. Next fall, he will be participating in Howard Law's Fair Housing Clinic. Lemuel plans to pursue a career in public interest and civil rights work after graduation.

**Julia C. Lauritzen**

The Ohio State University Moritz
College of Law

**Catholic Charities Immigration
Legal Services**

Julia Lauritzen is a rising second-year law student at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Julia worked for Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, part of Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, in Cleveland, Ohio. During her internship, she prepared a variety of immigration applications, including applications for naturalization, permanent residency and humanitarian petitions. She also worked extensively on an asylum brief for an unaccompanied child in removal proceedings. Julia hopes to pursue a career in public interest immigration law.

**Claire Cahoon**

Southern Methodist University,
Dedman School of Law

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Claire Cahoon is a rising second-year Hatton W. Sumners Scholar at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Claire spent her summer with the Meadows Mental Health Institute, a non-partisan policy research and development institute seeking to improve mental health services in Texas. As a member of the Smart Justice team, Claire worked to improve overall public safety by reducing the number of people with mental illness who receive treatment through involvement with law enforcement. She researched and drafted policy recommendations for the Texas Judicial Mental Health Commission and Texas legislature. She also performed hands-on criminal justice reform, communicating directly with law enforcement about assisting persons who may be experiencing a mental illness.

**Barbara Horne-Petersdorf**

The George Washington University
Law School

UN International Law Commission

Barbara Horne-Petersdorf is a rising 3L at The George Washington University Law School. She spent her summer at the United Nations International Law Commission, which consists of 34 independent international legal experts tasked with codifying and developing international law. As a research assistant to the Egyptian member, Ambassador Dr. Hussein Hassouna, Barbara conducted research and wrote on topics currently under consideration by the Commission. These include identification of customary international law, protection of the atmosphere and succession of states in respect of state responsibility, among others. Specifically, Barbara wrote memoranda analyzing each topic and drafted statements made by Dr. Hassouna before the Commission and the General Assembly.

**Katie Rose Martin**

University of Arkansas
School of Law

Peace at Home Family Shelter

Katie Rose Martin is a rising third-year law student at the University of Arkansas School of Law. Katie Rose worked with Peace at Home Family Shelter in Northwest Arkansas. Peace at Home was the first shelter in Arkansas to provide shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence. Katie Rose's project addressed policy issues surrounding the unique interrelationship between the needs of victims of domestic violence and Arkansas' landlord-tenant laws. She also helped Peace at Home identify affordable housing solutions for their fast-growing region and developed a quick-reference guide to assist public housing providers to understand and comply with the law.

**Elisa Vari**

University of California, Hastings
College of the Law

**UN High Commissioner for Refugees,
Caribbean Protection Unit**

Elisa Vari is a rising third-year law student at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She spent her summer interning for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). At UNHCR, Elisa worked within the Caribbean Protection Unit, where she drafted Refugee Status Determinations, appeal decisions, monitored the development of asylum and refugee legislation in the Caribbean region, and researched country conditions. After law school, Elisa plans to pursue a career in refugee, asylum and human rights law.

**Molly Nellis Jickling**

University of Colorado Law School

**National Association of Counsel
for Children**

Molly Nellis Jickling is a rising 2L at the University of Colorado Law School. Molly clerked with the National Association of Counsel for Children, helping their mission of strengthening legal advocacy for children and families. Molly conducted research regarding the differences between the states' delivery systems of child representation and authored an article for NACC's law journal, The Guardian. She helped prepare for NACC's annual conference, which is instrumental to its public policy mission to protect and improve children's representation throughout the country.

**Joaquin Ray Gallegos**

University of Denver,
Sturm College of Law

US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Joaquin Ray Gallegos is from the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Pueblo of Santa Ana. Over the summer, he served as a legal intern with the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Office of the Vice Chairman. Joaquin assisted in developing policy on a number of issues under the Committee's jurisdiction involving the unique status of American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native peoples, including education, economic development, land management, federal trust responsibilities and healthcare. Following graduation, Joaquin aims to serve as a judicial clerk and then, in practice, advance Indian law and policy priorities to reshape the place of Indian Tribes in US jurisprudence.

**Edwin A. LaMair**

University of Denver,
Sturm College of Law

The Nature Conservancy

Edwin LaMair is a rising 2L at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. Edwin worked at The Nature Conservancy, an international environmental non-profit. At the Conservancy, his work included research on state carbon emission and exchanges legislation, recreational use statutes and best liability practices, and antibribery regulations in Caribbean nations. His memoranda, training slides and research will be used to assist various branches of the organization in their mission to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. Edwin plans to pursue a career in public interest environmental law.

**Catalina Rodriguez**

University of Miami School of Law

One-Stop Career Center of P.R., Inc.

Catalina Rodriguez is a rising third-year law student at the University of Miami School of Law. She worked at One-Stop Career Center of Puerto Rico, Inc. as a summer intern, where she helped the communities of San Juan rebuild after the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. In her position at One-Stop, she helped provide direct legal service to community members, and develop and strengthen community structure through events such as community workshops. In the fall, Catalina will begin an LL.M. in real property development, which she hopes will further her dream of creating affordable housing for communities in need throughout Miami.

**Oluwaseun Hannah Rahaman****Texas Association Against Sexual Assault**

University of Texas School of Law

Oluwaseun Hannah Rahaman is a rising second-year law student at the University of Texas School of Law. Hannah worked at the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault in their Incarcerated Survivor Advocacy Program. Throughout the summer, Hannah conducted legal research on sexual assault laws to determine laws that need to be passed to fill in gaps where help to survivors is still deficient. Hannah also reviewed cases of incarcerated individuals who have been sexually abused in correctional facilities to provide them with resources and tools to ensure their safety.

**Geoffrey I. Schmelkin****US Trade and Development Agency**

University of Virginia School of Law

Geoffrey Schmelkin is a J.D./M.B.A. candidate at the University of Virginia. He spent his summer fellowship at the US Trade and Development Agency, an independent government agency that works to build infrastructure in developing and middle-income countries with the help of US businesses. In his role, he supported the Office of General Counsel in providing advice on the legal aspects of the agency's projects around the world. He analyzed issues arising under federal laws related to trade and foreign assistance, interpreted administrative statutes and regulations, and drafted contracts to provide funding for infrastructure projects across the globe.

**Dianne Lake****Public International Law and Policy Group**

Yale Law School

Dianne Lake is a rising second year at Yale Law School. She spent her summer working for the Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), a global *pro bono* law firm. Dianne helped Yemeni civil society organizations strengthen their capacity to effectively advocate on behalf of citizens. She also put together presentations and training materials, and her research and writing focused on ensuring women, youth and persons with disabilities have greater political engagement and representation. Dianne assisted PILPG's work with government of Kenya officials and civil society organizations to support their efforts with domestic accountability for politically motivated human rights abuses.

Foundation History

- 2000** Foundation was established, endowed with the firm's awarded attorneys' fees from the *Ironworkers pro bono* case. In that case, won by Foundation President and Vice Chairman John Oberdorfer, a federal court in Washington, DC struck down racial barriers to union membership faced by African-American construction workers building the Washington, DC Metrorail system.
- 2003** Foundation establishes the Public Policy Fellowship program.
- 2004** Foundation awards first Public Policy Fellowships to Georgetown Law Center and The George Washington University Law School students.
- 2005** Foundation establishes the Foundation's Advisory Committee.
- 2007** Our Public Policy Fellowship program grows to 11 law schools.
- 2010** First "Issues of Our Time" event launched. Speakers since 2010 have included James Wolfensohn, former president of The World Bank; Ambassador Frank Wisner, International Affairs Advisor at Squire Patton Boggs LLP; and Senators Cory Booker and Ted Cruz.
- 2012** The 100th law student participates in the Public Policy Fellowship program.
- 2013** Our Public Policy Fellowship grows to 15 law schools. First Qatar law student awarded fellowship.
- 2014** Foundation and the University of Colorado join forces to offer the first post-graduate fellowship. Squire Patton Boggs launched.
- 2016** Symposium on Combatting Poverty. Luncheon to honor Qatar Ambassador and Fellows from Qatar.
- 2017** 200th law student participates in the Public Policy Fellowship program. "Foundation Moments" established. Foundation joins forces with the Russia-United States Legal Education Foundation to sponsor a Russian student at The George Washington University Law School.
- 2018** Expansion of Public Policy Fellowship Program to Europe with the Collège d'Europe in connection with the Brussels office.
- Welcomes the University of Arkansas Law School to the Fellowship Program.
- Meeting of Fellowship Law School Deans and formation of Deans' Circle.
- Addition of four Fellowship Alums to Advisory Committee.
- 10th "Issues of Our Time" program, with EU Ambassador David O'Sullivan and European Public Policy Leader Wolfgang Maschek discussing the future of the Atlantic Alliance.

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