2015 PUBLIC INTEREST HONORS DINNER

CELEBRATING STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED A COMMITMENT TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE NANCY NORTHUP ’88 PRESIDENT, CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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Dean for Social Justice Initiatives

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Dean, Columbia Law School

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Columbia Law School Board of Visitors Member

Introduction
Jennifer Sokoler ’10
Law Clerk, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Keynote Address
Distinguished Public Interest Graduate of the Year
Nancy Northup ’88
President and CEO, Center for Reproductive Rights

Presentation of Student Honors
Social Justice Initiatives Staff
Nancy Northup ‘88 is the President of the Center for Reproductive Rights, a global human rights organization that uses constitutional and international law to secure women’s reproductive freedom. The Center has brought groundbreaking cases before national courts, U.N. committees, and regional human rights bodies, and has built the legal capacity of women’s rights advocates in over 45 countries.

Ms. Northup joined the Center in 2003 with a rich mix of experience as a constitutional litigator, federal prosecutor, and women’s rights advocate, and a reputation for intelligence, passion, and creativity. “I look forward to a time when a woman’s right to control her reproductive life is secured as a fundamental human right, which cannot be denied in the name of religion, culture, or politics,” Ms. Northup declared at the time.

Since then, Ms. Northup has pursued that vision at the Center with bold, new strategies. Under her leadership, the Center has aggressively expanded its international program, including the launch of an international litigation campaign that has included the first abortion case decided by the U.N. Human Rights Committee and the first case to frame preventable maternal deaths as a human rights violation. Building on their established reputation as first-rate litigators, the Center’s lawyers have also taken the human rights framework into its work in the U.S. It is now documenting U.S. rights violations through fact-finding reports and holding the U.S. accountable before U.N. bodies that monitor compliance with international treaty obligations. In 2008, Ms. Northup led the Center to establish its Law School Initiative to promote legal scholarship and teaching on reproductive health and human rights, an emerging body of transnational law not yet widely taught in U.S. law schools. This ground-breaking effort will shape the thinking of the next generation of lawyers, judges, and policymakers through fellowships for recent law school graduates at Columbia Law School, a visiting scholars’ program, curriculum development, conferences, and publications.

Before coming to the Center, Ms. Northup was the founding director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. From 1989 to 1996, she served as a prosecutor and Deputy Chief of Appeals in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Northup graduated from Brown University and Columbia Law School, where she was a Kent Scholar and Managing Editor of the Columbia Law Review. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alvin B. Rubin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans. Ms. Northup holds adjunct appointments at NYU Law School and Columbia Law School where she has taught courses in constitutional and human rights law.
honorees for post-graduate employment in public interest

The following 61 J.D. and 22 LL.M. students will be working at public interest organizations or government agencies immediately after graduation or clerkship:

Lauren Aarons    Madiba Dennie    Eric Lopez
Jackson Alberts  Christopher Forstrom  Helen Luu
Valentina Amalraj  Veronica Franco   Oliver McDonald
Namema Amendi    Merrow Golden      Yeniva Massaquoi
Stephanie Amoako Madeline Gomez   Ignacio Menchaca
Noor Ashraf      Rohan Grey         Balqees Mihirig
Miriam Azu       Michael Haggar    William Monks
Olga Basko       Daniel Hamburg    Ashley Morales
Kathrin Bausch   Nina Hart          Neema Nassiri-Motlagh
Peter Berg       Whitney Hayes     Tochi Onyebuchi
Mark Bond        Ashleigh Hunt     Jacinth Pathmanathan
Mary Bradley     Mayra Joachin     Stephanie Persson
Anna Bulman      Katherine Kettle  Michael Pfautz
Caitlyn Carpenter Bassam Khawaja  Jessica Pridgeon
Raul Carrillo    Gabrielle Kim     Rebecca Ramaswamy
Paul Chander     Danbee Kim        Kristina Ravic
Ashok Chandran   Ioana Lavric      Nandini Ravichandran
Bellinda Chinowawa John Lee         Michael Regan
Nuzhat Chowdhury Yeein Lee          Arielle Reid
Pakwan Chuensuwankul  Chris Lee    Xochitl Rodriguez
Bradley Demone    Jenna Long       Jason Rosenbaum
honorees for post-graduate employment in public interest

Olena Savytska
Nadia Segura
Joo Young Seo
Jessica Seo
Ami Shah
Matthew Sienkiewicz
Jacob Sklar
Melina Somoza Bornstein
Audrey Son
Katherine Stavis
Ethan Stone
Holly Stubbs
Carrie Tirrell
Raquel Toledo
Prateek Vasireddy
Lily-Diem Vo
Francis White
Christopher Wilds
Sarah Wilensky
Tali Yahalom
These 52 students spent both law school summers working for public interest organizations or government agencies:

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honorees for two public interest summers

Aryeh Goldman 2014 New York State Department of Financial Services - Consumer Protection
2013 Queens County District Attorney’s Office

Daniel Hamburg 2014 Bronx Defenders
2013 EEOC

Nina Hart 2014 U.S. Department of Justice - Environmental and Natural Resources Division
2013 Office of the Attorney General - Massachusetts

Whitney Hayes 2014 Bronx Defenders - Criminal Defense Project
2013 American Civil Liberties Union - Capital Punishment Project

Mayra Joachin 2014 Rosen Bien Galvin and Grunfeld
2013 Public Law Center

Gregory Kang 2014 Singapore Government
2013 Singapore Police Department

Bassam Khawaja 2014 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - Lebanon
2013 Human Rights Watch

Gabrielle Kim 2014 U.S. Department of Justice - Civil Division
2013 Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Iona Lavric 2014 Kernochan Center
2013 Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

John Lee 2014 Office of the Attorney General - New Jersey
2013 New York City Housing Authority

2013 Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office

Eric Lopez 2014 Manhattan District Attorney’s Office
2013 Legal Aid Society - Criminal Appeals Bureau

John Mark 2014 Brainforest
2013 Refugees International Japan

Taly Matityahu 2014 Manhattan District Attorney’s Office
2013 U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York

Oliver McDonald 2014 Office of the Attorney General - Tennessee
2013 U.S. Attorney’s Office - Northern District of Alabama

William Monks 2014 Earthjustice
2013 King’s County District Attorney’s Office

Neema Nassiri-Motlagh 2014 U.S. Attorney’s Office - District of Maryland
2013 U.S. District Court - Southern District of New York
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honorees for 100 or more hours of pro bono work

Pro Bono Scholars Program

Announced by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman in his 2014 State of the Judiciary address, the Pro Bono Scholars Program (PBSP) allows students in their final year of law school to devote their last semester to a program that combines a dedicated law school class with performing pro bono service for the underserved. Columbia’s Pro Bono Scholars are working under the supervision of professors Alexandra Carter and Shawn Watts providing mediation services to low-income federal employees at the EEOC. The Pro Bono Scholars took the February 2015 New York bar exam and will be admitted very soon after if they qualify.

Michael Rhodes
Xochitl Rodriguez
Ami Shah
Anne Xu

The following 91 students have performed at least 100 hours of pro bono service since their first day at Columbia Law School (as of April 1):

Class of 2015

Stephanie Amoako 108 pro bono hours
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
Justice for All
New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice
Rightslink

Asif Attarwala 400 pro bono hours
U.S. Bankruptcy Court - Southern District of New York
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honorees for 100 or more hours of pro bono work

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Columbia's in-house pro bono projects, some of which are student-run, are ongoing partnerships between Columbia Law School and legal services organizations and/or law firms in the community. In 2014-15, the following in-house projects were led by the students named below:

The Domestic Violence Project
*U-Visa Project:* Under the supervision of Sanctuary for Families, participants represent undocumented low-income victims of domestic violence seeking a path to US citizenship through a petition for U non-immigrant status. Students are assigned a client and complete the petition application from beginning to end, and learn skills such as interviewing and drafting affidavits. This project includes a thorough training curriculum that exposes students to aspects of both immigration and family law in New York City.

**Student Leader: Kirby Tyrrell**

Courtroom Advocates Project: Students serve as advocates in Family Court for domestic violence victims. Under the supervision of Sanctuary for Families, students help victims draft and file petitions for Orders of Protection, educate them on their rights and safety precautions, and advocate for them during court appearances.

**Student Leader: Abby Shaw**

Uncontested Divorce Workshop: Under the supervision of Sanctuary for Families, law students represent clients in obtaining uncontested divorces. Students work in teams of two and are assigned a client; representation includes meeting with the client, drafting divorce documentation, and going to court with the client.

**Student Leader: Carrie Guo**

Educational Law and Policy Society
*Education Advocacy Project (EAP):* Students work with Legal Aid attorneys specializing in education issues relating to children in foster care, often utilizing the Birth to Three and Early Intervention Federal Programs.

**Student Leader: Nicole Totoriello**

The Annenberg Institute for School Reform: The Annenberg Institute for School Reform (AISR) works to promote quality education for all children, especially in urban communities. In New York City, AISR community and youth organizing groups and coalitions work with community groups to provide the tools and knowledge they need to advocate for change in their schools. CLS students conduct legal and policy research on New York City, New York State, and federal education laws and policy—including topics like charter schools and restorative justice practices—to help inform AISR’s work with community groups. Students leverage their legal knowledge to assist AISR attorneys and staff in working on education policy recommendations in coordination with AISR’s partners.

**Student Leader: Nicole Totoriello**

High School Law Institute
*HSLI is a year-long program that serves low-income high school students from throughout New York City. Columbia Law students teach courses in criminal law, constitutional law, mock trial, and moot court. The year culminates with Graduation, which includes a mock trial competition against our sister organization at NYU.*

**Student Leader: Eric West**
honorees for in-house pro bono projects

The JLM is a handbook of legal rights and procedures distributed to thousands of prisoners across the country each year by Columbia’s Human Rights Law Review. Student volunteers write, update, edit, and cite check discrete sections of the JLM and its various state supplements.

Student Leader: Caitlyn Carpenter

Legal Clinic for the Homeless
A team of Columbia students staff a legal clinic at a local homeless shelter. Working with attorneys from the City Bar Justice Center, students are assigned a client and advocate for the resolution of various legal issues. Students commonly work on issues related to public assistance, immigration, employment, and family law.

Student Leader: Philip Tan

Mentoring Youth through Legal Education
Legal Outreach: CLS students work with attorneys from major New York firms in coaching New York high school students for constitutional law debates. The year-long constitutional law debate program is a key part of Legal Outreach’s effort to inspire and prepare young people to go to college. Student coaches establish a strong mentoring relationship with individual students through one-on-one tutoring and guidance. They also adjudicate a series of four exciting debates, all conducted at CLS.

Student Leader: Ermelinda Villagomez

Outlaws
NYLAG Pro Bono Project: In the spring, students under the direct supervision of pro bono attorneys from NYLAG and a sponsoring firm spend one evening helping LGBTQ community members complete health care proxies, advance directives, and living wills. These documents are especially important for members of the LGBTQ community because family members who would be making the choices by legal default might not respect their orientation and gender related choices.

Student Leader: Richard D’Amato

Transgender Legal Defense Fund: Through the Transgender Name Change Project, law students assist transgender clients in petitioning to have their named legally changed to match their gender identity under the supervision of attorneys from Sullivan & Cromwell. This involves both helping the client file name change documents and representing them in a hearing before the court. Therefore, students learn valuable written and oral advocacy skills, as well as gaining firsthand experience interacting with clients.

Student Leader: Richard D’Amato

Rightslink
Leveraging the vast research resources available to Columbia students, Rightslink provides free legal research services to human rights groups that lack the capacity or political freedom to conduct their own research. Students interested in human rights gain the opportunity to contribute to research projects covering both domestic and international issues ranging from language discrimination to human trafficking.

Student Leader: Jacqueline Ma

Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project: CLS students partner with attorneys at major New York firms in order to help Iraqi families currently living in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, or Jordan. Students work as teams and follow the client’s case through its completion. Students have the opportunity to interview families (telephonically), assist them with the preparation of submissions to and interviews with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Student Leader: Thomas Koester
honorees for in-house pro bono projects

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND): In the United States, children who are undocumented do not have a right to counsel in their proceedings in immigration court. KIND works to provide representation for undocumented children in deportation and other immigration matters. Students participate in client intake sessions and are assigned to work on a case from beginning to end with a small team of two or more attorneys from large law firms and/or the general counsel office of major corporations.

**Student Leader: Amy Elmgren**

Immigration Equality Project: Students assist attorneys at Immigration Equality with asylum applications for LGBT immigrants. Students write country conditions reports, which support an asylum application by providing information about the applicant’s country of origin to corroborate their claim of persecution. Students may work on an entire asylum application over the course of a semester.

**Student Leader: Abby Shaw**

Suspension Representation Project
The Suspension Representation Project (SRP) has successfully reduced or overturned Superintendents’ suspensions of students in virtually every case in which its advocates have been involved. Students review documents provided by the school, interview clients, conduct legal research and appear at suspension hearings where they negotiate with school officials and/or question witnesses.

**Student Leaders: Caleb Lowery, Abby Dugan, and Gena Miller**

Tenants Rights Project
Students assist attorneys at the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation and the Goddard-Riverside SRO Law Project in all aspects of low income tenant representation. Types of work include legal research, motion and memorandum drafting, client intake, and court appearances. Cases range from eviction defense, to living condition complaints.

**Student Leader: Steve Deutsch**

Resilience Advocacy Project
Students work with RAP attorneys to provide information in various areas to youth in schools and youth organizations. Students lead “Know Your Rights” and advocacy workshops for youth around issues ranging from dating violence to reproductive rights, to public benefits and education, in order to help teens build social justice focused youth advocacy clinics in their communities.

**Student Leader: Angie Juarbe**

Workers’ Rights Student Coalition
Students help clients file wage claims for wages that they were not paid, or if they were paid less than minimum wage. This project is in partnership with MFY’s Workplace Justice Project.

**Student Leader: Ben Setel**
Groups of Columbia Law students spend spring break working on projects organized by student groups and SJI at legal services and public interest organizations across the U.S. and abroad, providing much-needed legal assistance to underserved communities. In 2015, 104 students went on these caravans led by the students named below:

**Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center** El Paso, TX  
Sponsored by Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Workers’ Rights Student Coalition  
Las Americas is a non-profit serving the legal needs of low-income immigrants, including refugees and battered women in El Paso, Texas near the port of entry with the second highest number of land crossings into the United States. Students this year worked with the Crime Victims’ Visa Coordinator.  
**Student Leader:** Angie Juarbe

**Anishinabe Legal Services** Cass Lake, MN  
Sponsored by the Domestic Violence Project and Native American Law Students Association  
Anishinabe Legal Services is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to low-income individuals living on or near the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth Reservations in Northwestern Minnesota. Students worked with ALS attorneys to provide direct services to clients, with regard to their civil legal needs and completed other related projects serving the reservation communities, with a particular focus on victims of domestic violence.  
**Student Leader:** Isa Julson

**Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center** Whitesburg, KY  
Sponsored by Environmental Law Society  
The Environmental Law Society’s caravan traveled to Whitesburg, Kentucky to work with the Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center in its mission to provide justice for the people of a region deeply affected by extractive industries. The students assisted the Center with a number of legal projects, such as a standing clinic to educate citizens about the requirements necessary to establish standing in environmental cases. Students also performed legal research and drafted sections of briefs for ongoing cases.  
**Student Leaders:** Leo Oppenheimer and Nolan Thomas

**ArchCity Defenders** St. Louis, MO  
Sponsored by Midwest Society  
ArchCity Defenders strives to prevent homelessness by providing holistic criminal and civil legal services. Students worked with clients in the St. Louis area on criminal and civil cases by representing low income members of the community. Students focused on working with members of the Ferguson community who are facing violations of their 1st and 4th Amendment rights following the events of last summer.  
**Student Leader:** Yaa Sarpong

**The Bronx Defenders** Bronx, NY  
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network  
The Bronx Defenders are credited with pioneering the concept of the “holistic defense.” Clients defended by the Bronx Defenders are assigned to a team including attorneys and social workers to help them resolve not just their case but a host of problems with the ultimate goal of keeping them out of jail. Caravan participants worked on one criminal defense project, one family defense project and one civil practice project.  
**Student Leaders:** Debbie Jang and Alexander Reid
California Appellate Project of San Francisco  San Francisco, CA  
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network  
The California Appellate Project in San Francisco (CAP-SF) is a non-profit corporation established by the State Bar of California in 1983 as a legal resource center to implement the constitutional right to counsel for indigent persons facing execution. CAP serves the largest population of condemned individuals in the country and is funded primarily by a contract with the Judicial Council of California. Students worked on a variety of projects.  
Student Leaders: Debbie Jang and Paul Scheid

California Women’s Law Center  El Segundo, CA  
Sponsored by Columbia Law Women’s Association  
The California Women’s Law Center focuses on Title IX enforcement, equal pay initiatives, educational rights of pregnant teens, and legal assistance to women veterans. Students conducted legal research and drafted memoranda relating to Title IX litigation, compliance reports for Title IX settlements, engaged in policy research and policy brief writing related to equal pay issues and other workplace protections, and drafted memos relating to individual cases.  
Student Leader: Brittany Roehrs

DNA People’s Legal Services  Monument Valley, AZ  
Sponsored by Domestic Violence Project and Native American Law Students Association  
DNA People’s Legal Services is a nonprofit law firm in the Southwestern United States that provides low-income communities with free civil legal services. The organization’s name comes from a Navajo phrase meaning “attorneys who work for the economic revitalization of The People.” Students participated in direct client services, legal trainings for community members, and clinics targeting specific issues burdening low-income families (such as predatory lending practices, mobile home repossessions, or domestic abuse).  
Student Leader: Julia Bedell

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, Jordan  Amman, Jordan  
Sponsored by Columbia Society of International Law and Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Students traveled to Amman, Jordan to provide direct legal assistance to Iraqi and Syrian refugees with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP). Students participated in training on how to interview victims of torture and conducted client intake interviews for IRAP with refugees in urgent situations. Students conducted outreach meetings with local NGOs to learn more about the situation facing refugees on the ground in the Middle East, met with representatives from the UN Mission in Amman, and participated in a training hosted by the U.S. government for refugees resettling in the United States.  
Student Leader: Tom Koester

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)  Houston, TX  
Sponsored by Latino/a Law Students Association  
Kids in Need of Defense serves as a leading organization for unaccompanied children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone. Students worked with unaccompanied minors and assisted KIND with their screening and intake interviews.  
Student Leaders: Jessica Alcantara, Chris Bonilla, and Tanya Martinez

Legal Resources Centre (LRC)  Grahamstown, South Africa  
Sponsored by Columbia Society of International Law and Education Law & Policy Society  
The Legal Resources Centre (LRC) is South Africa’s leading public interest law center. The Grahamstown Office is dedicated to using impact litigation to help children obtain their right to basic education. Students traveled to South Africa to aid the LRC in aid of their work on the right to education as well as land rights. Students conducted research and drafted legal documents to help the LRC institute legal action.  
Student Leaders: Tracy Zhang and Anya Olsen
Miami-Dade Public Defender Service Miami, FL
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network
MDPD strives to have a public defender’s office that is a national model, provide quality legal representation, and treat clients with dignity and respect. Students split their time between helping MDPD update their training sessions and training materials in DUI cases and observing trials, then participating in feedback sessions between the training attorneys and the trial attorneys.
Student Leaders: Debbie Jang and Seth Fromer

Moroccan Association for Human Rights Rabat, Morocco
Sponsored by Law in Africa Student Society and Rightslink
The Moroccan Association for Human Rights acts for the preservation of human dignity, the respect for all human rights in their universality, and in the protection and promotion of those rights. Students conducted an audit of the trials of several Moroccan human rights activists that took place over the past three years – with the goal of objectively assessing what, if any, irregularities were present throughout the trials.
Student Leader: Glory Nwaugbala

Myanmar Justice for All (JFA) Yangon, Myanmar
Sponsored by the Columbia Society of International Law
Founded in 2011 by a group of well-known lawyers in Myanmar, JFA is an independent civil society organization committed to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law. JFA works in partnership with civil society organizations to promote human rights and improve legal mechanisms for rights protection and enforcement. A member of the Myanmar Legal Aid Network (MLAW), JFA conducts a variety of activities related to advancing access to justice and rights awareness, including pro bono legal aid to those who cannot afford a lawyer and training seminars on constitutional law, citizens’ rights, democracy, land rights, and international human rights law. Students contributed to numerous JFA initiatives in the context of Burma’s historic democratic transition.
Student Leader: Alisa Romney

New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice (BLSA) New Orleans, LA
Sponsored by Black Law Students Association
The New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ) is dedicated to organizing workers across race and industry to build the power and participation of workers and communities. Students engaged in legal work touching on areas of employment law, immigration law, and housing law, doing legal research and drafting legal memos, working directly with the community residents that NOWCRJ serves.
Student Leader: Hager Franklin

Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project El Paso, TX
Sponsored by Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (SIRR) and Workers’ Rights Student Coalition
The Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project provides legal representation for victims of civil rights violations and victims of domestic violence. Students worked on a variety of legal pleadings and research memos, including helping to draft declarations for VAWA/U-Visa packets, assisting with requests for evidence, and investigating complex immigration issues, including some involving civil rights issues.
Student Leaders: Angie Juarbe and Matthew Doyle

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia Washington, DC
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network
The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) provides and promotes quality legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in the District of Columbia and thereby protects society’s interest in the fair administration of justice. Students worked on a variety of projects including short term parole appeals, research and writing assignments within the context of the appellate practice, work with the general counsel, and generalized trial assignments.
Student Leaders: Debbie Jang and Eric Johnson
San Jose State University Record Clearance Project San Jose, CA  
Sponsored by Society for Chinese Law  
Students were trained in expungement law and helped clients to complete petitions for dismissals of all eligible criminal convictions in court. Law students worked in partnership with Record Clearance Project, and assisted students interviewing their clients and completing their cases. Students attended an expungement court hearing and engaged in discussions with former clients, state and federal judges, criminal justice officials and others who highlighted the importance of clearing individuals’ criminal records.  
Student Leaders: Allison Peck and Wanjie Ren

Wisconsin Judicare Wausau, WI  
Sponsored by Midwest Society and Native American Law Students Association  
Students worked with Judicare staff attorneys to conduct a series of Will Clinics for American Indians residing throughout Wisconsin. To prepare for the Clinics, students received training on Indian Law, Basic Estate Planning, the American Indian Probate Reform Act, and the procedures and processes for the Clinics. After training, students traveled with staff attorneys to different reservations or tribal communities in Wisconsin to conduct day-long will clinics.  
Student Leaders: Yaa Sarpong and Jacob Grubman
public interest peer mentors

The Peer Mentoring Program provides first-year students with the opportunity to have fun and learn the inside scoop about classes and faculty from second- and third-year students. These students have made themselves available as peer mentors to first-year students interested in public interest careers, classes, and activities.

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