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protect  
children  
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in need

## Washington D.C. for Equal Justice

The promise of equal justice is the promise of America. “With liberty and justice for all,” are the words recited every day by our nation’s school children. It is a promise that has not been kept.

The American Bar Association estimates that the United States fails to meet 80% of the civil legal needs of the poor. Unlike criminal defendants who are guaranteed an attorney by the U.S. Constitution, most low-income litigants must face civil adversarial proceedings without the benefit of counsel.

*80% of the legal needs of the poor are not being met.*

*–American Bar Association*

**Washington D.C. for Equal Justice** is a campaign to greatly increase legal services to the poor by creating new summer, school year and post-graduate fellowships for Washington D.C. law students to work in D.C. civil legal aid offices. Equal Justice America has formed relationships with many Washington D.C. legal services organizations that desperately need more people to serve the unmet needs of their clients. Students at all of the city’s law schools (American, Catholic University, the University of the District of Columbia, Georgetown, George Mason University, George Washington University and Howard University) will have the opportunity to participate.



### What We’ve Done

- Equal Justice America has sponsored fellowships for more than 1,800 law students to work with over 200 legal services organizations across the country. Working under the supervision of experienced attorneys, our fellowship recipients have provided crucial assistance to low-income clients struggling through the complexities of our civil justice system.
- EJA has paid out more than \$5.25 million in grants and has provided approximately 550,000 hours of free legal services with programs that work to protect the rights of the poor.
- In September 2002, we began funding two-year post-graduate EJA Fellowships, launching the public interest careers of outstanding young attorneys. More than \$800,000 has been committed to these post-graduate fellowships.
- In September 2000, Pace University Law School established the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic with a major grant and an ongoing commitment from EJA. We have contributed more than \$300,000 to the EJA Clinic, which has become an integral part of the Law School’s highly regarded clinical program.



### Who We Are

Equal Justice America is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1993. EJA has become a national leader in providing opportunities for law students to work with organizations that deliver civil legal services to those most in need. Our efforts expose a new generation of law students to the urgency for pro bono assistance to our most vulnerable citizens. Students at more than 60 law schools now have the opportunity to take part in the Equal Justice America Fellowship Program.

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## EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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## What They're Saying About Equal Justice America...

### Howard University School of Law

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I would like to offer Howard Law School's enthusiastic support to Equal Justice America and to its Washington, D.C. for Equal Justice Campaign. The goals of Equal Justice America's programs are consistent with the mission of our law school. With the launching of the Washington, D.C. for Equal Justice Campaign, we look forward to a long successful partnership with Equal Justice America to advance the cause of equal justice and to meet the legal needs of the poor in our city.

Kurt L. Schmoke  
*Dean*

### University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

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We wish Equal Justice America a successful campaign so more D.C. law students may work for the rights of disadvantaged citizens of D.C.

Katherine S. Broderick  
*Dean*

### Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia

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Equal Justice America provides important financial support to law students who are committed to social justice and serving the civil legal needs of low-income persons and families in the District of Columbia. With more than 110,000—nearly one in five—District residents living below the federal poverty line, it is essential that we expand opportunities to attract students to careers in public interest law.

Jonathan Smith  
*Executive Director*

### The George Washington School of Law

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Lawyers must assist this program by donating funds so that it can continue and grow. One of the highest goals of our justice system is to insure proper representation of all persons who appear before the courts. Equal Justice America is fighting to achieve this worthy objective. It needs and deserves your support.

Peter H. Meyers  
*Professor of Clinical Law*

### EJA Fellowship Recipient Summer 2007

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My Summer Fellowship experience has inspired me to continue to become involved in public interest law. Thank you for the funding.

Diana Kim  
*Georgetown University Law Center, Class of 2009*