



# **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA**

Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2000-2001





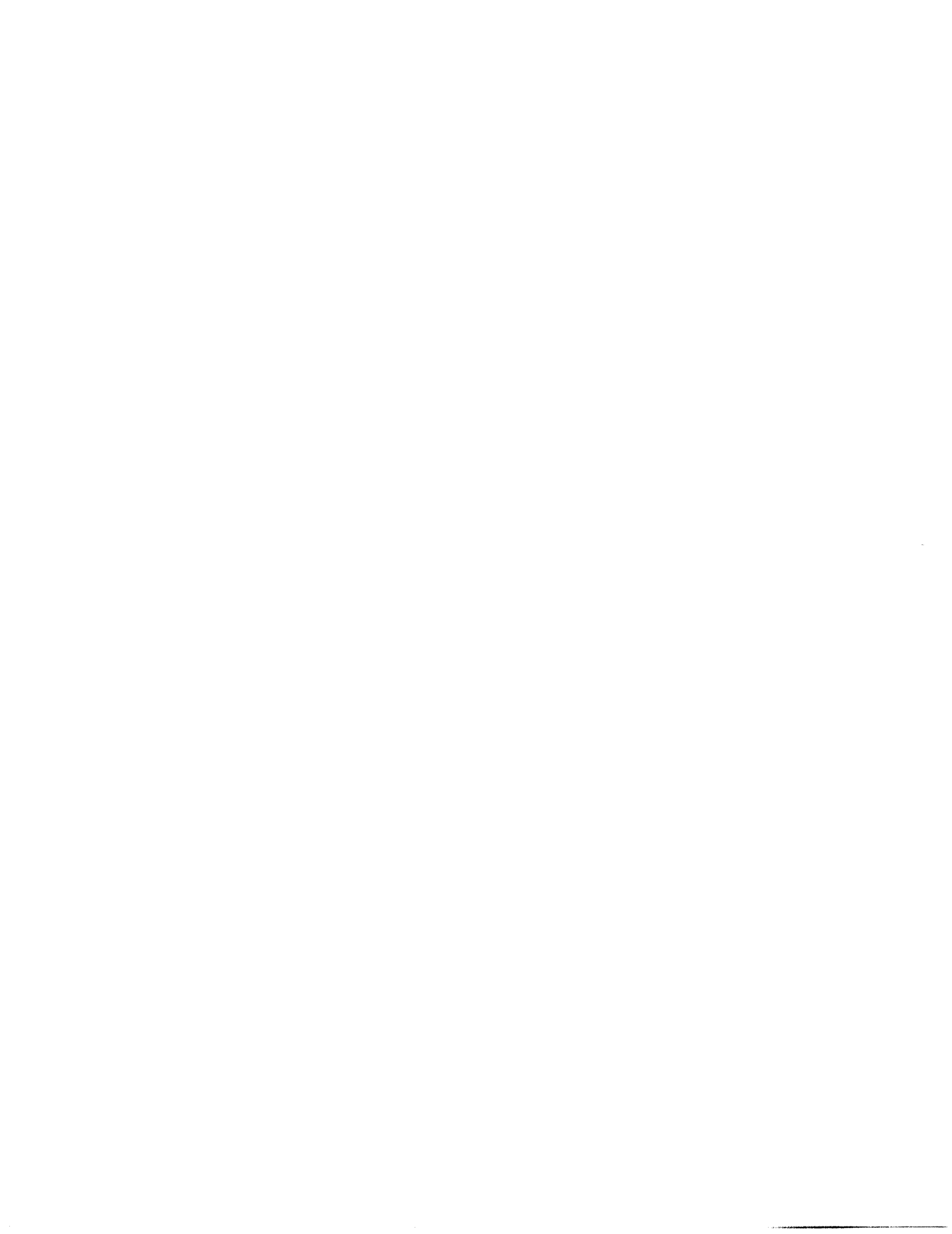
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# **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA**

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## **Who We Are...**

Equal Justice America is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1993 in recognition of the fundamental absence of adequate civil legal representation for many members of our society. For eight years Equal Justice America has put law students to work with organizations across the country providing civil legal services to those who need it most. Students at over 40 law schools now have the opportunity to take part in the Equal Justice America Fellowship Program.

Even before legal assistance programs were hit with a new round of budget cuts in the mid-1990s, the American Bar Association had estimated that 80% of the civil legal needs of the poor were not being met. A bad situation has gotten worse. 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.

As a result, families are wrongfully evicted and forced into homelessness. Women and children victimized by domestic violence do not get the legal help they desperately need. Abuses and neglect by social service bureaucrats go without remedy. Senior citizens and other consumers defrauded by unscrupulous merchants and lenders have no recourse. All of this because there are not enough lawyers working to protect the legal rights of the poor. There can be no justice for those who must face these deprivations without the help of an attorney.

## **What We've Done**

Equal Justice America has put law students to work with over 100 legal assistance organizations throughout the United States, including Greater Boston Legal Services, Vermont Legal Aid, the Legal Aid Society in New York City, the Women Against Abuse Legal Center in Philadelphia, the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, the Legal Aid Society of Washington, DC, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Free Legal Aid Clinic in Detroit, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, the Montana Legal Services Association, Bet Tzedek Legal Services in Los Angeles, Bay Area Legal Aid in San Francisco and Alaska Legal Services.

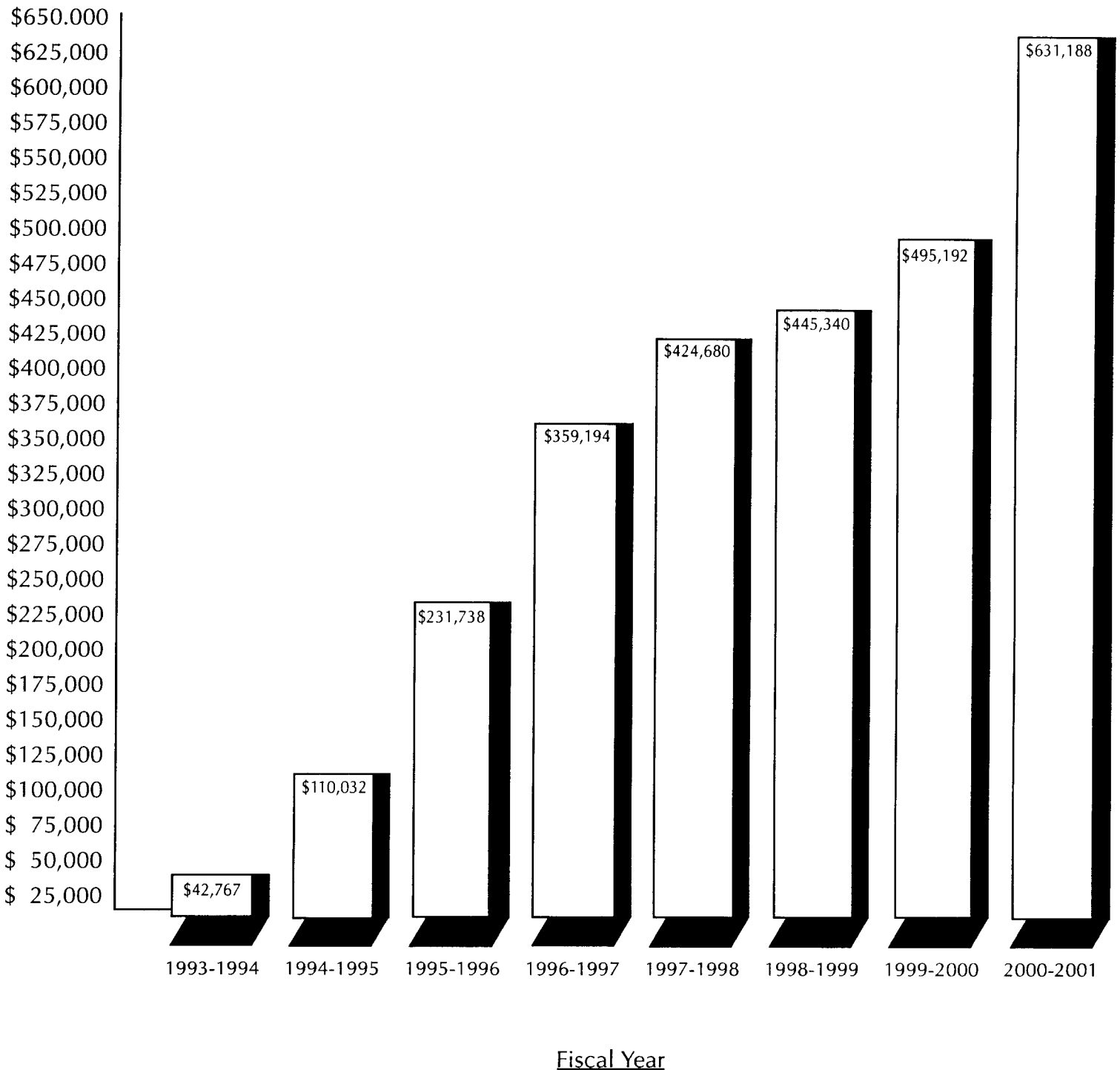
Last fall the Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic opened as part of the clinical program at Pace University School of Law. The Clinic is designed to deliver much needed legal services to indigent disabled children and adults, while educating law students who are committed to becoming effective advocates for those in need. The Clinic has become a major new part of Pace's clinical program, recently rated among the top 20 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Like the other clinics at Pace, the EJA Clinic provides civil representation to clients whose financial situations do not permit them to engage private attorneys.

The Equal Justice America Clinic and the EJA fellowships provide a tremendous hands-on legal experience for law students and the fellowships are a huge help to legal service programs throughout the country struggling under the weight of the budget cuts they have sustained.

Equal Justice America, while still a young organization, has grown dramatically since its inception. In the Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2001, Equal Justice America sponsored 200 law student fellowships. In the previous year, 147 law students received fellowships, up from 125 in the preceding year, 102 the year before that, 66 in the prior year, and 40 the year before that.

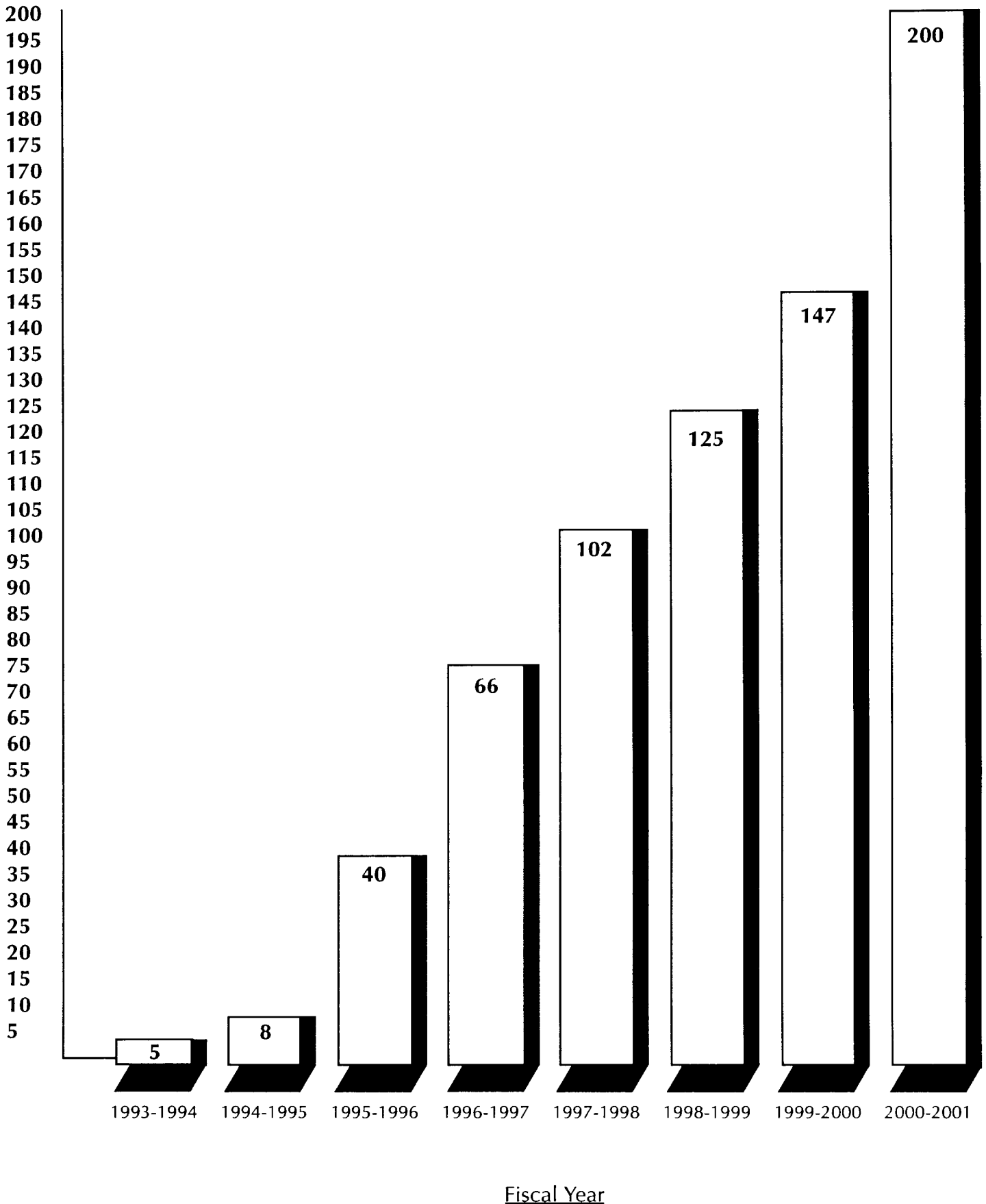
# Eight Years of Growth For Equal Justice America

## Contributions Raised



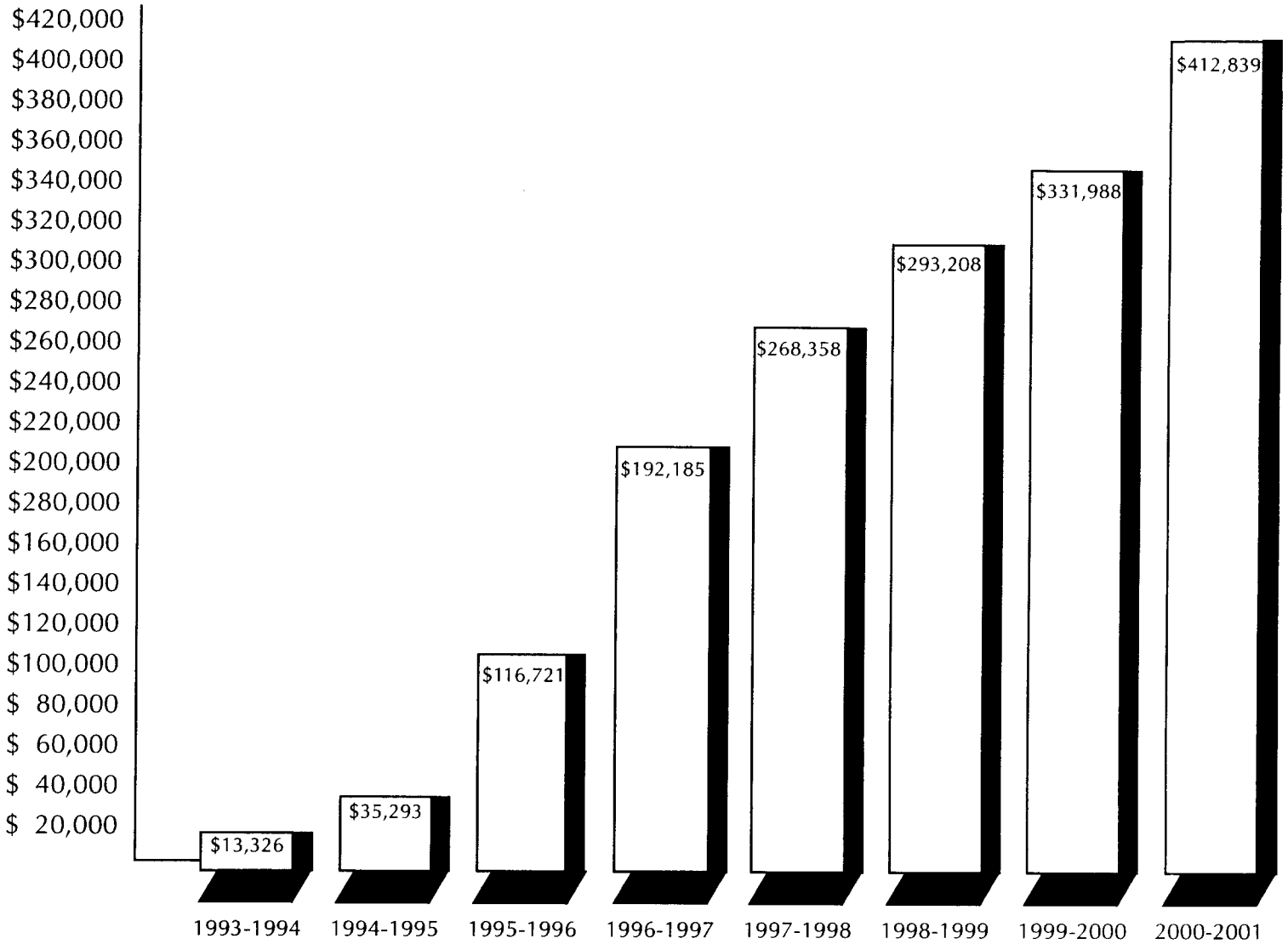
# Eight Years of Growth For Equal Justice America

Number Of Fellowships Sponsored



# Eight Years of Growth For Equal Justice America

Dollars Spent For Program Services

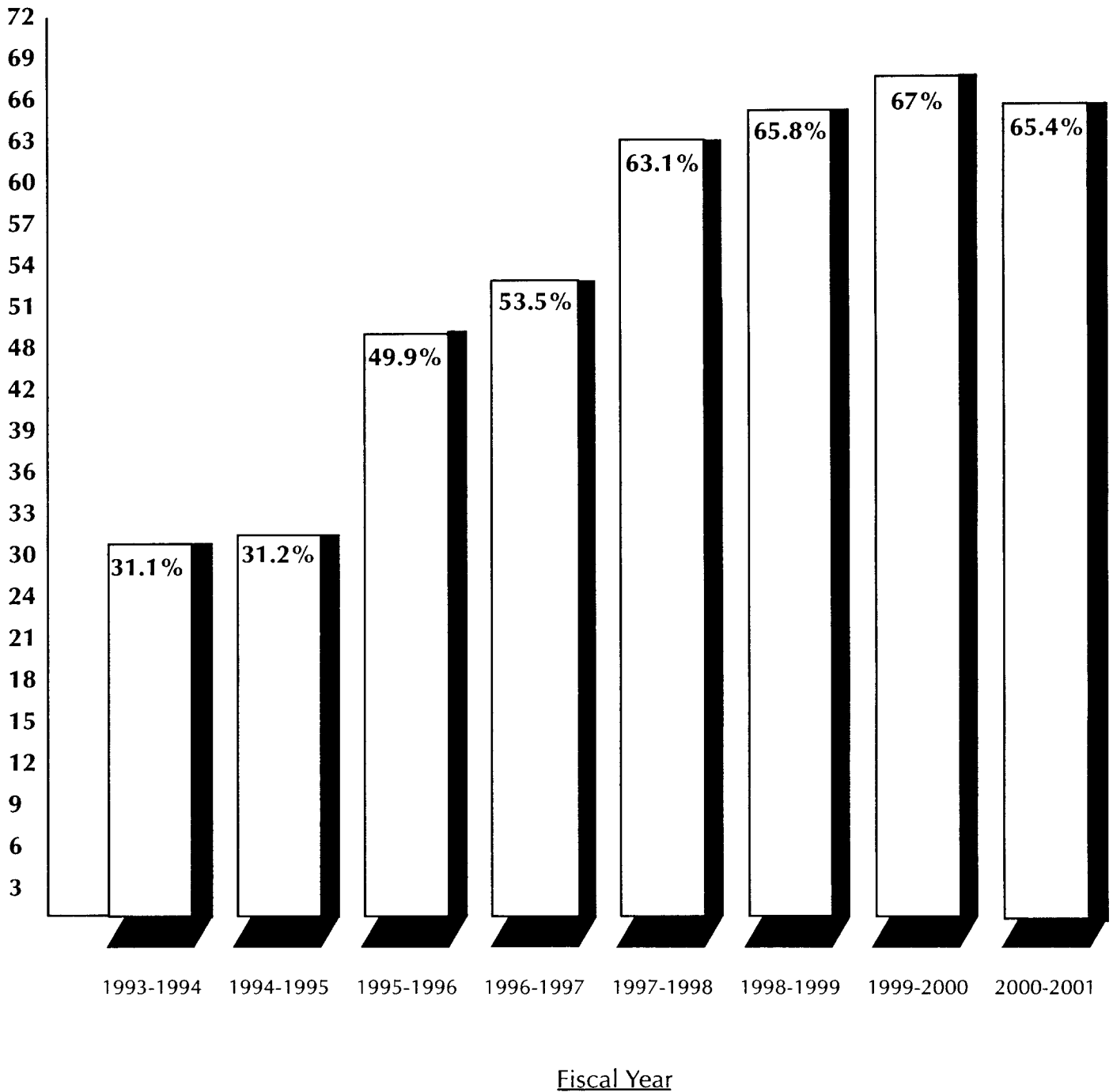


Fiscal Year



# Eight Years of Growth For Equal Justice America

Percentage of Funds Spent on Program Services





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

**“There is nothing more vital than providing desperately needed legal advice to the millions of low income Americans who are forced to fend for themselves in the complex tangle of our civil justice system. Best wishes for success as Equal Justice America grows and prospers.”**

**Mario M. Cuomo**  
Former Governor of New York

**“The support of Equal Justice America has helped us do even more to protect women from domestic violence and to put the weight of the judicial system fully behind those who have been victimized. I know that Equal Justice America has a growing reputation for assisting organizations all over the country which provide legal services to the poor, including many groups which devote much of their efforts to protecting battered and abused women and children. We look forward to continuing our successful relationship with Equal Justice America.**

**Victoria L. Lutz**  
Director, Battered Women's Justice Center  
Pace University School of Law

**“I would once again like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support of Public Counsel. Your fellowships have allowed us to provide quality, free legal services to the most vulnerable people in our community, particularly in the areas of assisting abused women and children and assisting with the adoption of children out of the foster care system. Your ongoing support is critical and invaluable.”**

**Dan Grunfeld**  
President/CEO  
Public Counsel Law Center  
Los Angeles, CA

**“I am writing to express the thanks of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc., to Equal Justice America for funding the summer internship of David Lund. David proved himself to be an extraordinary law clerk who was very highly regarded by all who worked with him. I would also like to thank Equal Justice America for the absence of red tape in their process. You did what you said you would do, and you required very little time from our office. This allowed the bulk of our involvement to be directed toward supervising David in the provision of direct service to our clients.”**

**Steven J. Wolfe**  
Law Work Manager, Southern  
Minnesota Regional Legal Services

**“It is fortunate that we have organizations like Equal Justice America to provide funds to students who would not otherwise be able to work for nonprofit organizations such as ours. I feel strongly that public interest law or clinical participation is essential to a law student's education in order to keep them grounded and balanced in the profession they are about to enter.**

**Sylvia M. Brennan**  
Managing Attorney  
Legal Services of Northern Virginia



**“We** deeply appreciate the assistance of Equal Justice America. Your funding enables us to stretch our limited resources to better represent our clients, for whom our summer interns provide valuable service. With significant new funding cuts on the horizon, additional funding sources are crucial if the motto of “Equal Justice for All” is to be more than an empty slogan. Please accept our thanks for your assistance in bringing that motto closer to a reality for our clients.”

**Peter Schneider**  
Community Legal Services  
Philadelphia, PA

**“Thanks** to Equal Justice America, we have four new student fellows who are this semester’s student directors of the Yale Law School TRO Project. This project is one of the most successful student projects to come out of the Law School and is a demonstration project for law schools and legal services programs throughout the country. It provides critical services to victims of domestic violence who come to the courthouse and attempt to file for orders of protection on their own. I cannot thank you and the Yale Law School alumni enough for supporting the work that we do at legal services in such a constructive and positive way by funding law students to work with us... On behalf of the low-income community we serve, many thanks.

**Patricia Kaplan**  
Executive Director  
New Haven Legal Assistance Association

**“We** are very grateful for the support Equal Justice has provided to us in the past and look forward to continuing to collaborate with you. We commend your efforts to support the legal needs of the District’s most needy residents.”

**Joseph C. Zergerle**  
Executive Director  
Legal Aid Society  
District of Columbia

**“I** wanted to express my deep appreciation for all the support you have given us. I congratulate you on your efforts, and your commitment to providing students the opportunity to work with people who desperately need help. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Equal Justice America.”

**Gerald Nordgren**  
Director of Legal Services  
Chicago Legal Clinic

**“How** about all lawyers, particularly if you aren’t doing your share of pro bono work, send a check to... [Equal Justice America.]”

**Nancy Q. Keefe**  
Columnist  
Gannett Newspapers



**EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA**  
**Currently Offers Legal Services**  
**Fellowships to Students at the**  
**Following Law Schools:**

- ◆ American University Washington College of Law
- ◆ Boston College Law School
- ◆ Boston University School of Law
- ◆ Brooklyn Law School
- ◆ Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law
- ◆ Chicago-Kent College of Law
- ◆ Columbia University School of Law
- ◆ Cornell Law School
- ◆ De Paul University College of Law
- ◆ Detroit College of Law
- ◆ Fordham University School of Law
- ◆ George Washington University Law School
- ◆ Georgetown University Law Center
- ◆ Harvard Law School
- ◆ Howard University School of Law
- ◆ John Marshall Law School
- ◆ Loyola University of Chicago School of Law
- ◆ New York Law School
- ◆ New York University School of Law
- ◆ Northwestern University School of Law
- ◆ Pace University School of Law
- ◆ Rutgers University School of Law
- ◆ Saint John's University School of Law
- ◆ Southwestern University School of Law
- ◆ Stanford Law School
- ◆ Suffolk University Law School
- ◆ Temple University Beasley School of Law
- ◆ Union University Albany Law School
- ◆ University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall
- ◆ University of California Hastings College of the Law
- ◆ University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
- ◆ University of Chicago Law School
- ◆ University of Colorado School of Law
- ◆ University of Illinois College of Law
- ◆ University of Michigan Law School
- ◆ University of Minnesota Law School
- ◆ University of Pennsylvania Law School
- ◆ University of Texas at Austin School of Law
- ◆ University of Virginia School of Law
- ◆ University of Wisconsin Law School
- ◆ University of Washington School of Law
- ◆ Wayne State University Law School
- ◆ Yale University Law School



**EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA**  
has Sponsored Law Student  
Fellowships at the Following  
Legal Assistance Organizations:

- AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
- Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Advocates for Children, New York, NY
- Alaska Legal Services
- AYUDA Legal Aid, Washington, DC
- Battered Women's Alternatives, Concord, CA
- Battered Women's Justice Center, White Plains, NY
- Bay Area Legal Aid, San Francisco, CA
- Bay Area Legal Services, Tampa, FL
- Berkeley Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, CA
- Boston College Immigration and Asylum Project
- Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau
- Bronx Legal Services
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
- Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation B
- California Rural Legal Assistance
- Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services, MA
- Catholic Charities Immigration Services, Washington, DC
- Center for Arkansas Legal Services
- Central Virginia Legal Aid Society
- Charlottesville-Albermarle Legal Aid Society, VA
- Chemung Legal Services, Elmira, NY
- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, SD
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Columbia Legal Services, Seattle, WA
- Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA
- Cornell Legal Aid Clinic, Ithaca, NY
- DC Employment Law Center, Washington, DC
- DC Law Students in Court, Washington, DC
- Disability Law Center, Seattle, WA
- East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA
- Essex-Newark Legal Services, NJ
- Farmers' Legal Action Group, St. Paul, MN
- Farmworkers Legal Services, New Paltz, NY
- Florida Justice Center
- Free Legal Aid Clinic, Detroit, MI
- Georgia Legal Services
- Greater Boston Catholic Charities, Immigration Legal Services
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Haitian Refugee Center, Miami, FL
- Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plain, MA
- Homeless Action Center, Berkeley, CA
- Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Juvenile Rights Project, Portland, OR
- Kentucky Legal Services
- Knoxville Legal Aid Society, TN
- Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, IL
- Latino Workers Center, New York, NY
- Lawyers for Children, Inc., New York, NY
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, San Francisco, CA
- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Washington, DC
- Legal Advocates for Children & Youth, San Jose, CA
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri
- Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque, NM
- Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
- Legal Aid Society of New York City
- Legal Aid Society of Westchester County, NY
- Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago
- Legal Services Center at the Door, New York, NY
- Legal Services of Central Michigan
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York
- Legal Aid Society of Rochester, NY
- Legal Aid Society of San Francisco
- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, CA
- Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
- Legal Corps of Los Angeles
- Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan
- Legal Services of the Blue Ridge, Boone, NC
- Lifespan Center for Legal Services, Chicago, IL
- Make the Road by Walking, Inc., Newark, NJ
- Merrimack Valley Legal Services, Lowell, MA
- MFY Legal Services, New York, NY
- Michigan Poverty Law Program
- Montana Legal Services Association
- Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, NY
- National Center for Youth Law, San Francisco, CA
- Native Lands Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- Neighborhood Law Project, Madison, WI
- Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Lawrence, MA
- Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., Lynn, MA
- Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC
- New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation
- New Haven Legal Assistance Association
- New Jersey Legal Services
- New York Lawyers in the Public Interest
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- Northern Virginia Legal Services
- North Carolina Justice Center
- North State Legal Services, Hillsborough, NC
- Philadelphia Legal Assistance
- Piedmont Legal Services, Charlottesville, VA
- Pine Tree Legal Assistance
- Political Asylum Project of Austin, TX
- Pro Bono, Inc., Puerto Rico
- Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA
- Public Justice Center, Baltimore, MD
- Sanctuary for Families' Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, New York, NY
- San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Service
- Sugar Law Center for Social & Economic Justice, Detroit, MI
- Texas Rural Legal Aid
- Urban Justice Center (formerly the Legal Action Center for the Homeless)
- Vermont Legal Aid
- Virginia Justice Center
- Welfare Law Center, New York, NY
- West Tennessee Legal Services
- Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Women Empowered Against Violence, Washington, DC
- Youth Law Center, San Francisco, CA



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## Law Student Fellowships

### Fiscal Year 2000-2001

#### **Fall 2000/Spring 2001 Fellowships**

- Albert Acken, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago Legal Clinic, Fall 2000.
- Marcia Adelson, Pace University School of Law, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, White Plains, NY, Spring 2001.
- Richard Agins, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Jacqueline Bardini, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Anne Behk, New York Law School, Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, New York, NY, Fall 2000
- Marti Breier, University of California at Los Angeles, Public Counsel Law Center, Los Angeles, CA, Fall 2000.
- Denise Calderon, Harvard University Law School, Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plain, MA, Spring 2001.
- Bridgette Carr, University of Michigan, Legal Services of Southern Michigan, Spring 2001.
- Stephen Cerrato, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001
- Courtney Clark, Yale University, New Haven Legal Assistance Foundation, Fall/Spring.
- Lisa Courtney, University of Colorado, Colorado Legal Services, Spring 2001.
- Henry Cruz, University of Texas, Political Asylum Project of Austin, Spring 2001.
- Karen Dalichow, Georgetown University, Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC, Spring 2001.
- Rimonda Dalloul, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Stephen Dewey, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Maria Teresa Javier Ellis, Georgetown, DC Employment Justice Center, Spring 2001.
- Jill Feldman, Harvard University, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Fall 2000.
- Cara Garvey, Temple University, Sanctuary for Families, Fall 2000.
- Dominique Greek, UCLA, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 2001.
- Monique Gudger, Catholic University, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Spring 2001.
- Anne Heidel, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA, Fall 2000.

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- Narges Kakalia, Fordham University School of Law, Sanctuary for Families, Fall 2000.
- Nicole Keller, Southwestern University School of Law, Public Counsel law Center, Fall 2000.
- Uswah Khan, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Lana Khory, Southwestern, Bet Tzedek, Fall 2000.
- Kristine Kim, Hastings, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2001.
- Anne-Marie Knopp, DePaul University, Chicago Legal Clinic, Fall 2000
- Marcie Kowlowitz, Brooklyn Law School, Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, Fall 2000.
- Robert Kruminen, Harvard, Legal Services Center, Spring 2001.
- Cleo Kung, Northwestern, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Fall 2000.
- Pamela Laufer, Harvard, Legal Services Center, Spring 2001.
- Grace Lee, Yale, New Haven Legal Assistance Foundation, Fall 2000.
- Tenagne Lemma, Southwestern, Bet Tzedek, Fall 2000.
- Min Su Longiaru, Harvard, Legal Services Center, Spring 2001.
- Barry McGoey, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Sally Mermelstein, University of Minnesota, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Spring 2001.
- Gregory Meyers, George Washington University Law School, DC Law Students in Court, Fall 2000.
- Susannah Monk, Southwestern, Public Counsel, Spring 2001.
- Alex Montgomery, University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Fall 2000.
- Kati O'Brien, University of California Hastings College of the Law, Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, Fall 2000.
- Robert Papa, Pace, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, Spring 2001.
- Alma Ramirez, DePaul, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Spring 2001.
- Toki Rehder, Georgetown University, Neighborhood Legal Services, Fall 2000.
- Laura Rinaldi, George Washington University, DC Law Students in Court, Fall 2000.
- Baldwin Robertson, Georgetown, Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Fall 2000.
- Chaba Samb, University of Minnesota, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Spring 2001.
- Michael Schleigh, Rutgers University, Community Legal Services, Spring 2001.
- Charlotte Scott, UCLA, Bet Tzedek, Spring 2001.

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- Nina Seevers, University of Colorado, Colorado Legal Services, Spring 2001.
- Russell Shew, Catholic University, Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC, Fall 2000/Spring 2001.
- Elizabeth Siebel, UCLA, Break the Cycle, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 2001.
- Jaime Smith, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago Legal Clinic, Fall 2000.
- Sarah Sundell, Yale, New Haven Legal Assistance Foundation, Fall/Spring.
- Suchon Tuly, Yale, New Haven Legal Assistance Foundation, Fall/Spring.
- Dylan Vade, Stanford Law School, Legal Services for Children, Fall 2000.
- Christine Vaughn, Michigan, Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan, Spring 2001.



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**Summer 2001 Fellowships**

- Marcia Adelson, Pace University School of Law, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic, White Plains, NY.
- Richard Agins, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.
- Esthus Amos, University of Michigan, Homeless Persons Representation Project, Bolt, MD.
- Dori Page Antonetti, Catholic University, Legal Services of Northern Virginia.
- Christopher Banys, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Tatia Barnes, Fordham University School of Law, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Shana Becker, Harvard University, MALDEF, Texas.
- Dustina Bennett, Suffolk University Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Gabe Berenfeld, University of California Hastings College of Law, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Los Angeles, CA.
- Tara Lynn Blackman, Boston College Law School, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Stephen Bodurtha, Boston College, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Rhona Bork, St. Johns University School of Law, Westchester-Putnam Legal Services, White Plains, NY.
- Andrew Bourne, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation. A.
- Amy Bowles, American University, Legal Services of Northern Virginia.
- Heather Brown, American, Women Empowered Against Violence, Washington, DC.
- Donna Bucko, DePaul University College of Law, Lifespan Center for Legal Services, Chicago, IL.
- Kendall Burton, Stanford Law School, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley, CA.
- Dalton Carlson, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville-Abermarle Legal Aid Society.
- Stephen Cerrato, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.
- Kami Chaudhery, Cornell Law School, Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY.
- Connie Chou, Southwestern University School of Law, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.
- Michael Cohen, Fordham, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Nicole Colby, Harvard, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Sean Collins-Stapleton, University of Illinois College of Law, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Helene Combe, University of Virginia, Legal Aid of Central Texas.
- Aimee Creed, Columbia University, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A.

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- Karen Crocker, Boston College, Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plain, MA.
- Henry Cruz, University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Political Asylum Project of Austin.
- Rimonda Dalloul, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.
- Jachyn Davis, Boston College, Legal Services Center.
- Stefanie Davis, Georgetown University, Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA.
- Monica Teixeira De Sousa, Georgetown, Children's Law Center, Washington, DC.
- Stephen Dewey, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.
- Julia Dickinson, Suffolk, Tahirih Justice Center, Falls Church, VA
- Sarah Dohoney, Suffolk, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Tamika Edwards, Temple University, Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- Eva Eitzen, Georgetown, CASA of MD, Employment Rights Project.
- Kathrin Ellermann, University of Wisconsin Law School, National Coalition for Child Protection, New York, NY.
- Matthew Elston, Columbia, Legal Services for New York City.
- Katherine M. Evans, University of Texas, Legal Aid of Central Texas.
- Christina Ferris, George Washington University, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Beth Fitzpatrick, Boston College, Legal Services Center.
- Lisa Frydman, University of California At Berkeley, Boalt Hall, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center.
- Celestino Gallegos, University of Texas, Political Asylum Project of Austin.
- Monica Garcia, New York University, Atlanta Legal Aid Society.
- Theresa Gavin, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Lara Gelbwasser, Harvard, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Wayne George, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Jeff Gold, DePaul, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.
- Patrice Gough, University of Virginia, Charlottesville-Abermarle Legal Aid Society.
- Richard Guerra, George Washington, Ayuda Legal Aid, DC.
- Margarita Guzman, George Washington, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Cara Hallmon, Georgetown, Neighborhood Legal Services Program, Washington, DC.
- Rachel Heaston, DePaul, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Elizabeth Hajar, Harvard, Georgia Legal Services.
- John Hoke, Albany Law School, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.

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- Syed Mehdi Imam, Columbia, Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A.
- Kimberly Iopa, Southwestern, Dependency Court Legal Services, Monterey Park, CA.
- Florence M. Jao, Georgetown, Bay Area Legal Aid, San Francisco, CA.
- Sarah Jensen, Cornell, Homeless Action Center, Berkeley, CA.
- Annie Jeong, Cornell, Cornell Legal Aid Clinic, Ithaca, NY.
- Kenneth Johnson, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Regional Housing Legal Services, Glenside, PA.
- Sarah Katz, University of Pennsylvania, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Marla Kendall, Boalt Hall, Homeless Action Center.
- Uswah Khan, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.
- Jennifer Kim, Boalt Hall, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.
- Michelle Ko, Columbia, MFY Legal Services, New York, NY.
- Rebecca Kraemer, Wayne State University Law School, Sugar Law Center, Detroit, MI.
- Neha Lall, Michigan, Sanctuary for Families, Center for Battered Women's Legal Services.
- Brian LaManna, Suffolk, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Meghan Lang, University of California at Los Angeles, National Center for Youth Law, San Francisco, CA.
- Lisa Lee, Boalt Hall, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.
- Summer Lee, Albany, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.
- Abel Leon, Chicago Legal Clinic.
- Maureen Levinkron, Hastings, Bet Tzedek, Legal Services.
- Minsu Longiaru, Harvard, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Maureen Looker, Loyola University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Claudia Lopez, Southwestern, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Margaret Luger, University of Minnesota Law School, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services.
- Alison Madaus, University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago Legal Clinic.
- Matthew Mansfield, Brooklyn, Network for Women's Services, New York, NY.
- Jared Markowitz, Fordham, Legal Services of the Elderly, NYC.
- Gary McCollum, George Washington, Appalachian Legal Assistance Fund of KY.
- Ruth McFarlane, Cornell, Cornell Legal Aid Clinic.
- Elizabeth McGinty, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Barry McGoey, Pace University, Equal Justice America Disability Law Clinic.

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- John Medina, Rutgers University School of Law, Legal Department Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, NY.
- Avani Mehta, 2003, Yale University, National Center for Youth Law.
- Mia Mendoza, Harvard, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Nicole Moore, Loyola, Chicago Legal Clinic.
- Liza Murcia, Northwestern, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Kristin Nehil, Michigan, Legal Services of Southern Michigan.
- Marjie Neilsen, Northwestern University School of Law, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Francie Novar, University of Washington, Legal Services of Southern Michigan.
- Shawn O'Toole, University of Illinois, Chicago Legal Clinic.
- Jaclyn Okin, American, Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.
- Jennifer Ornelas, Stanford, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.
- Amilcar Perez, Rutgers, Youth Advocacy Center-Covenant House, NJ.
- Michael Quartey, New York Law School, Welfare Law Center.
- Jeremy Raich, George Washington, Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque, NM.
- Mary Raines, Loyola, Office of Cook County Public Guardian, Chicago, IL.
- Alma Ramirez, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Diba Rastegar, Boalt Hall, Bet Tzedek Legal Services.
- Marla Richman, University of Washington School of Law, Battered Women's Justice Center, White Plains, NY.
- Lynn Ricot, University of Pennsylvania, Women Against Abuse Legal Center.
- Esperanza Rivera, Chicago-Kent, Chicago Legal Clinic.
- Emily Robertson, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Suzette Rodriguez, Rutgers, Essex-Newark Legal Services.
- Eleanor Roos, University of Chicago, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Rebecca Ross, Hastings, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, CA.
- Shanna Sadeh, University of Wisconsin, Neighborhood Law Project, Madison, WI.
- Amanda Santiago-Acklin, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, Legal Services of Northern Virginia.
- Robert Schill, Boston University, Greater Boston Legal Services.
- Monica Schroer, Brooklyn, Welfare Law Center, New York, NY.
- Jennifer Scrafford, American, Northwest Women's Law Center, Seattle, WA.
- Victoria Selkove, University of Wisconsin, Neighborhood Law Project.
- Maria Shartano, St. John's, Legal Aid Society, NYC.
- Christopher Sheehan, Michigan, Legal Services of Southern Michigan.

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- Edward Shen, Boston University, Community Legal Services.
- Monique Sherman, Georgetown, Juvenile Rights Project, Portland, OR.
- Ally Shusterman, Pace, NY Legal Assistance Group.
- Jennifer Smith, NYU, Texas Rural Legal Aid.
- Samantha Smith, Hastings, Bay Area Legal Aid.
- Shelby Smith, University of Virginia, Ayuda Legal Aid, Washington, DC.
- Lisa Southerland, Loyola, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.
- Jane Stoeber, Harvard, Legal Aid Western Missouri.
- Stacy Strich, American, DC Court Appointed Special Advocates.
- Paul Svensson, Pace University, Equal Justice Disability Law Clinic.
- Pablo Tagre, Harvard, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- David Taub, Southwestern, Bet Tzedek Legal Services.
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October 31, 2001

Dan Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for your generous support of summer law students for Greater Boston Legal Services. This summer, as in years past, these students contributed invaluable assistance to enable GBLS' attorneys to fulfill the mission of GBLS: to provide quality civil legal representation to as many poor people as possible.

This summer, with Equal Justice America funding, we were able to provide fellowship opportunities to 11 students from a number of the area's finest law schools, including Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University and Suffolk University. Equal Justice America Fellows offer critical direct work experience to future lawyers, while instilling an appreciation for the crucial importance of legal services work. And most importantly, these fellows provide essential support and services to hundreds of GBLS' most needy clients.

On behalf of our entire staff, allow me to express our gratitude for your organization's work and fund-raising efforts. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship with Equal Justice America in the future.

Sincerely,



Robert Sable  
Executive Director



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November 7, 2001

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Dear Dan:

We are writing again to thank Equal Justice America for your continued support of law students at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, and to update you on how EJA's commitment to this work has led to careers in public interest law at LAF for EJA alumni.

Over the past three year EJA has provided full or partial funding for over twenty law students at LAF. These students have worked in almost every LAF project and neighborhood office. They have interviewed clients, worked on appellate briefs, and represented clients in court. They have advocated for victims of domestic violence, fought against predatory lending practices which victimize senior citizens, ensured that fundamental rights to a decent job and living conditions are protected and worked to ensure that the voices of public housing tenants are heard when planning new developments. Our work focuses on the day to day legal needs of the poor, and ensuring that they have access to equal justice. EJA Fellows have been an important part of our work.

Well more than half of the law students whom EJA supports continue on at LAF in other law student positions. Additionally four EJA Fellows have gone on to work at LAF after graduating. These four include:

**Matt Newstead** - One of the first EJA Fellows at LAF in the summer of 1999. He worked in our Home Preservation Project as an EJA fellow, continued on in LAF's Westside Office as a law student, and has recently begun working here again in our Home Preservation Project. The project helps homeowners who are



victimized by predatory lending practices, and preserves homes that our clients have lived in for years.

**L. Kate Mitchell** was an EJA Fellow from Northwestern in the Spring of 2000. She worked that semester in our Central Intake neighborhood office, and continued there through the summer of 2000 on other funding. Without skipping a beat, she moved from working as a law student to taking on an attorney caseload after admission to the bar this past fall. She worked first in our Westside neighborhood office, and then returned to Central Intake, which handles housing, domestic violence, employment, public benefits and other cases from around the city.


**Kim Jordan** was an EJA fellow from Loyola in the summer of 2000. We, in the Children's Law Project, had the good fortune of working with her last summer. Her experience as a substance abuse counselor was of profound benefit to our clients; she continued working with us as a law student into last fall. She rejoined the project after graduation and is now in our west side neighborhood office, representing clients on a variety of issues.


**Cleo Kung** received an EJA fellowship in the spring of 2000 to work in our Immigration Law Project. Once the semester was over, she continued here throughout last year. She then received a prestigious NAPIL Fellowship for two years of post-law school work. Her project focuses on outreach in Immigration issues to the Asian American community in Chicago.

Last summer, as you know, we were able to have a number of EJA Fellows here by combining EJA fellowships with fellowships from the Public Interest Law Initiative in Chicago. We hope to repeat that success this coming summer.

Again, let us thank you for EJA's support, and for helping us to identify and support law students who are committed to direct representation of the poor in Chicago.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Cozzola  
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on the amount of money (one) has."*

— Hon. Hugo Black  
*Griffin v. Illinois*  
351 US 12 (1956)

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May 15, 2001

Mr. Dan Ruben, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to thank you for Equal Justice America's outstanding fellowship program that has been putting law students (from the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and from other schools) to work both during the school year and in the summer at Legal Services of Southern Michigan (LSSM). One particular area of our program which has benefitted significantly from your funding is the Family Law Project, founded by University of Michigan law students, which serves indigent survivors of domestic violence in Washtenaw County.

The Family Law Project is managed by a supervising attorney, but the primary staff of the Project is law students. There are two Project Coordinators, both University of Michigan law students, who administer the program, act as a resource for the many volunteer student attorneys, and make client acceptance and case assignment decisions. As I have noted in previous letters, because of a special Michigan court rule, they (like other Legal Services interns) are permitted to participate fully in all aspects of client representation, from intake to trial. Equal Justice America has been funding these Project Coordinators, in addition to other interns, for several years now, and our clients have been served by this support.

Perhaps most importantly, your fellowship program offers law students the chance for public interest employment. I have long believed that students who are able to work in public interest settings while attending law school are much more likely to continue in public interest careers after graduation. With threatened cuts to legal services funding ever present, your program ensures that these students will continue to have work opportunities with us, and that our struggling low income clients will at least to some extent be protected from the impact of cuts because student intern services, integral to this program, will continue to be provided.

I look forward to continuing the successful relationship we have established with Equal Justice America, and I thank you, once again, for your essential support.

Very Truly Yours,



Robert F. Gillett

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