



Since 1993—
working to
protect
children
and families
in need

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 nearly \$5.5 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.

Louisiana 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 adversarial proceedings without the benefit of counsel.

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

—American Bar Association

Louisiana for Equal Justice is a campaign to greatly increase legal services to the poor by creating new post-graduate, summer and school year fellowships for law students in Louisiana to work in Louisiana civil legal aid offices. Equal Justice America has formed relationships with each of the law schools in the state (Loyola University New Orleans, LSU Law, Southern University Law Center and Tulane Law School). In the wake of Katrina, we will work with many of the state's legal services organizations that desperately need more people to serve the unmet needs of their clients. Equal Justice America has already awarded a two-year post-graduate fellowship to a young attorney working at Loyola's Gillis Long Poverty Law Center.

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 future lawyers to the urgency for pro bono assistance to our most vulnerable citizens. Students at more than 50 law schools now have the opportunity to take part in the Equal Justice America Fellowship Program.

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

Loyola University New Orleans

“We are very grateful that EJA has launched its Louisiana for Equal Justice campaign by funding a two-year post-graduate fellowship here at the Loyola Gillis Long Poverty Law Center. We look forward to working with Equal Justice America to provide new opportunities for Loyola law students and students throughout the state to work with legal aid programs that are in such great need, particularly in the aftermath of Katrina.”

Brian Bromberger
Dean, College of Law

Loyola Law Clinic and the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center

“For social justice lawyers, the path is more challenging. You have to leave the highway sending you on towards the traditional legal profession. You have to step away from most of the crowd and create a new path—one that will allow you to hold onto your dreams and hopes for being a lawyer of social justice. Equal Justice America gives law students the opportunity to hold onto their dreams and hopes—to get the training and experience they need to become a lawyer for social justice.”

William P. Quigley
Director

New Orleans Legal Assistance

“New Orleans Legal Assistance handles thousands of legal problems for Hurricane Katrina survivors who struggle to rebuild their lives and homes. Their urgent needs continue to be much greater than our resources. We support EJA's effort in Louisiana, as it will help us provide more legal services to those in greatest need.”

Mark Moreau
Co-Executive Director