



Summer 2006 Duke Law School Public Interest Fellowship Recipients \$144,559 Awarded

Thirty-eight Duke Law students received summer 2006 public interest employment fellowships totaling \$144,559. (Equal Justice Works provided an additional \$6,000 in supplemental fellowships through its Summer Corps.)

The sources of these fellowships, which are available only to Duke Law students, are: an endowment from former Associate Dean Linda Steckley and her husband Pete Weitzel; an endowment from alumni Richard Burdman '56; an endowment from alumni couple Len Simon '73, and Candace Carroll '74; a grant from the NC State Bar's Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Program (IOLTA); Stanback Fellowships, provided through the Nicholas School for the Environment by donor Fred Stanback; the Howrey Helps Fellowship provided exclusively to a first-year Duke Law student by the Houston law firm of Howrey Simon Arnold & White; a pledge from two members of the Class of 2004 Sarah Dadush and Sohini Chatterjee; a contribution from alumni couple Tom and Caitlin Fulghum '98; and funds raised by Duke Law student members of the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF), supplemented by a \$10,000 contribution from Duke Law School.

Burdman/Steckley-Weitzel/Carroll-Simon Fellowships - \$19,000

These fellowships provided \$3,800 each for five recipients in 2006, and are funded through three Duke Law School endowments. The donors are: Associate Dean Linda Steckley and her husband Pete Weitzel; alumnus Richard Burdman '56; and alumni couple Len Simon '73 and Candace Carroll '74. The recipients and their organizations are:

- ◆ Stephen Fairchild – International Justice Mission, South Asia
- ◆ Erin Gerrard – National Housing Law Center, Oakland, CA
- ◆ Matt Perault – U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, DC
- ◆ Rebeka Plecnik – Public Defender's Office, Washington, DC
- ◆ Ryan Wagner – Wake County District Attorney's Office, Raleigh, NC

IOLTA Fellowships - \$12,000

IOLTA fellowships are funded by the NC State Bar's Interest on Lawyers Trust Account program. In 2006, IOLTA gave Duke Law \$12,000 to provide four fellowships of \$3,000 each for Duke Law students. Students may seek placements from a long list of designated NC organizations and agencies. The 2006 recipients and their organizations are:

- ◆ Daniel Amato – Legal Aid of North Carolina – Durham Office, Durham, NC
- ◆ Emilia Beskind – Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
- ◆ Amanda Brown – Fair Trial Initiative, Durham, NC
- ◆ Lily North – Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, Charlotte, NC

International Development Fellowship - \$6,000

The International Development Fellowship, begun in 2006, is funded primarily by two alumna in the Class of 2004 – Sarah Dadush and Sohini Chatterjee. It is for students to spend all or a part of the summer interning at a non-governmental organization or pursuing an independent research project in a developing country, working on issues such as women's rights, foreign direct investment, land and water rights, or international trade. The amount is not pre-set and applicants present a budget of their needs. The 2006 recipients are:

- ◆ Stephen Fairchild – International Justice Mission, South Asia, \$500 (supplemental to another grant)
- ◆ Kristina Johnson – UN Development Program, Nairobi, Kenya, \$4,300
- ◆ Muriel Moody – Fulbright Economics Teaching Program, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, \$1,200

Stanback Fellowships – \$32,000

Stanback Fellowships are provided through Duke's Nicholas School for the Environment by donor Fred Stanback in order for students to work at designated environmental organizations. Up to around 10 Duke Law students may receive fellowships of \$4,000 each. The 2006 recipients and their organizations are:

- ◆ Daniel Foster – Wildlaw, Asheville, NC
- ◆ Kate Gehret – Wildlaw, Montgomery, AL
- ◆ Matthew Hurst – Wildlaw, Montgomery, AL
- ◆ Andrew Irgens – NC Coastal Federation, Beaufort, NC
- ◆ Marjorie Mulhall – Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY
- ◆ Bevin Tighe – Appalachian Voices, Asheville, NC
- ◆ David Wright – NC PIRG, Raleigh, NC
- ◆ Alexandra Wyatt – Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC

HOWREY “HELPS” Fellowship – \$5,000

The Houston, TX law firm of Howrey Simon Arnold & White awards a fellowship to a first-year Duke Law student who has a strong background and demonstrated interest in public service. The amount awarded in 2006 was \$5,000. Howrey selects several eligible organizations to which applicants can apply for sponsorship. The 2006 recipient is:

- ◆ Sonja Ralston Elder – Duke Law Children's Education Law Clinic, Durham, NC

Fulghum Legal Aid Fellowship – \$3,000

The Fulghum Legal Aid Fellowship is a one-time grant from alumni couple Tom and Caitlin Fulghum '98 of Durham, NC for work at Legal Aid of North Carolina – Raleigh Office, given in appreciation for assistance given to them by a Duke Law student and by that office. The 2006 recipient is:

- ◆ Doug Calidas – Legal Aid of North Carolina – Raleigh Office, Raleigh, NC

PILF Fellowships - \$67,559

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) is a Duke Law School student organization dedicated to raising funds for summer public interest fellowships. It raised enough funds in 2005-06, including a \$10,000 contribution from Duke Law School, to award \$67,559 in summer fellowships. These include 13 “full” fellowships of \$3,500 each for a total of \$45,500, 4 fellowships for those working part of the summer for a total of \$9,450 and 12 “thank you grants” to participants who won other fellowships for a total of \$12,609. The 29 students receiving \$67,559 in the summer of 2006 are:

PILF Full Grants – \$45,500

\$3,500 each

- ◆ Anne Beaumont – US Attorney’s Office, Southern District of California, San Diego, CA
- ◆ Alissa Cambier – California Appellate Project, San Francisco, CA
- ◆ Benni Chang – NC Dept. of Justice, Consumer Protection Division, Raleigh, NC
- ◆ Joshua Faber – US Attorney’s Office, E. District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ Jennifer Farace – Dept. of Justice, Civil Division, Torts Branch, Washington, DC
- ◆ Andrew Han – Federal Defender’s Office of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
- ◆ Brian Hurley – Hamilton Count Prosecutor’s Office, Noblesville, IN
- ◆ Kathryn Johnson – Attorney General of Florida, Orlando, FL
- ◆ Emily Jura – Legal Aid of West Virginia, Beckley, WV
- ◆ Meredith Levy – District Attorney of Suffolk County, Boston, MA
- ◆ John Niles – Federal Trade Commission, SE Regional Office, Atlanta, GA
- ◆ Jonathan Pahl – NC Dept. of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Raleigh, NC
- ◆ Eric Schattl – Orange County Public Defender’s Office, Orange County, CA

PILF Partial Grants – \$9,450

(For those working less than a full summer)

\$2,800 each

- ◆ Blake Mason – US Attorney’s Office of the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, MO

\$2,450 each

- ◆ Jonas Anderson – US Dept. of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch, Washington, DC

\$2,100 each

- ◆ Leah Nicholls – Washington Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights, Washington, DC
- ◆ Jennifer Zimbhoff – Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Pasadena, CA

PILF “Thank You” Grants – \$12,609

(For those receiving other fellowships)

\$1,995

- ◆ Muriel Moody – Fulbright Economics Teaching Program, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

\$1,750

- ◆ Lily North – Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, Charlotte, NC

\$1,050 each

- ◆ Erin Gerrard – National Housing Law Project, Oakland, CA
- ◆ Matt Perault – U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, DC
- ◆ Rebeka Plecnik – Public Defender’s Office, Washington, DC
- ◆ Ryan Wagner – Wake County District Attorney’s Office, Raleigh, NC

\$875 each

- ◆ Andrew Irgens – NC Coastal Federation, Beaufort, NC
- ◆ Marjorie Mulhall – Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY
- ◆ Bevin Tighe – Appalachian Voices, Asheville, NC
- ◆ Alexandra Wyatt – Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, DC

\$613

- ◆ Stephen Fairchild – International Justice Mission, South Asia, \$500

\$551

- ◆ Kristina Johnson – UN Development Program, Nairobi, Kenya, \$4,300

Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program – \$6,000

Six of the Duke Law students receiving fellowships won a supplemental fellowship from the DC-based organization Equal Justice Works. Equal Justice Works made 250 fellowships of \$1000 each available to law students across the nation. The 2006 recipients are:

- ◆ Alissa Cambier – California Appellate Project, San Francisco, CA
- ◆ Andrew Irgens – NC Coastal Federation, Beaufort, NC
- ◆ Emily Jura – Legal Aid of West Virginia, Beckley, WV
- ◆ Marjorie Mulhall – Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY
- ◆ Bevin Tighe – Appalachian Voices, Asheville, NC
- ◆ Sonja Ralston-Elder – Duke Law Children’s Education Law Clinic, Durham, NC