



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.

Connecticut 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

Connecticut 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 Connecticut to work in Connecticut civil legal



aid offices. Equal Justice America has formed relationships with each of the law schools in the state (Quinnipiac University School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law and Yale Law School) and many of the state's legal service organizations that desperately need more people to serve the unmet needs of their clients.

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...

Yale Law School

EJA supports legal services for those in need by raising funds for fellowships that expose law students to the challenges and rewards of legal services work. Through EJA fellowships, law students learn by example, gaining real world experience by helping actual clients and learning basic public interest lawyering skills. Even small donations can inspire budding lawyers to devote years—and in some cases, careers—to serving the needy and the public interest.

Harold Hongju Koh
Dean

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

For the past 10 years, Equal Justice America has generously funded the Yale Law School Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) Project at the New Haven Legal Assistance Association. The TRO Project is one of the most successful student projects to come out of the law school. We are very excited about EJA's new Connecticut for Equal Justice initiative that will mean even more support for NHLAA and other programs throughout the state that need help to meet the growing legal needs of the poor.

Patricia Kaplan
Executive Director

Gannett Newspapers

How about all lawyers, particularly if you aren't doing your share of pro bono work, send a check...

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