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working to  
protect  
children  
and families  
in need

### What We've Done

- **Equal Justice America has sponsored fellowships for more than 2,000 law students to work with over 250 legal services organizations** across the country. Interning 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 \$6.2 million in grants and has provided approximately 625,000 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. Nearly \$900,000 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.

## Pennsylvanians 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*

**Pennsylvanians 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 law students to work across the state with civil legal aid offices. Equal Justice America has formed relationships with many Pennsylvania legal aid programs that desperately need more people to serve



the unmet needs of their clients. Students at every law school in Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to participate. We look forward to offering many new opportunities for law students while providing thousands of hours of free legal services to Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens.

### 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 of pro bono assistance to those in need. Students at more than 70 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...

## Toll Public Interest Center University of Pennsylvania Law School

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“Students facing crushing loan debt need all the financial support they can get to make their public interest careers possible. Equal Justice America offers students hope that they can pursue justice for the impoverished, without themselves succumbing to debt. Since summer internships are the building blocks for legal careers, giving students a viable opportunity to work in unpaid or low-paying legal services internships is essential to training the next generation of public interest attorneys. I thank Equal Justice America for easing the burden on students who willingly forgo higher salaries in order to pursue justice for all.”

Arlene Rivera Finkelstein  
*Assistant Dean & Executive Director*

## Neighborhood Legal Services Association Pittsburgh

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“We are very excited about Equal Justice America’s plan to launch its Pennsylvanians for Equal Justice campaign. I know that EJA has built a national reputation putting law students and lawyers to work on behalf of the poor. We look forward to having EJA Fellows working in Pittsburgh at Neighborhood Legal Services Association providing crucial legal assistance to low-income children and families, the disabled and the elderly.”

Catherine Martin  
*Managing Attorney*

## SeniorLAW Center Philadelphia

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“EJA fills an important void in the legal services community—helping us prepare the next generation of advocates for vulnerable communities. This is especially vital to those of us who serve older generations, as we do at SeniorLAW Center. Enlisting the energy and fresh ideas of diverse, new faces on our staff makes us a more effective legal services organization, and helps sensitize new generations to the needs and vibrancy of older clients and helps to debunk ageist stereotypes which are still rampant in our national culture.”

Karen C. Black, Esq.  
*Executive Director*

## Philadelphia VIP

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“Philadelphia VIP is proud to partner with EJA to increase access to justice for low-income Philadelphians.”

Sarah Woods, Esq.  
*Executive Director*