



**For 15 Years—  
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.



## Texans 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 under 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*

**Texans for Equal Justice** is a campaign to greatly increase legal services to the poor. Equal Justice America has formed relationships with many Texas legal aid programs that desperately need more people to serve the unmet needs of their clients. Students at every law school in Texas will have the opportunity to participate because of EJA's continuous efforts to create school year, summer and post-graduate fellowships. We look forward to offering new opportunities for law students while providing thousands of hours of free legal services to the state'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 the poor. 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.

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW!**

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

### Advocacy, Inc.

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“Advocacy, Inc. is very grateful for the financial assistance provided by EJA. Without it, we could not run our successful internship program. We have had students rave about the work they have gotten to do, and clients write in their thanks for the work performed. Without EJA, we would not be able to serve nearly as many individuals with disabilities.”

Lucy Wood  
*Senior Regional Managing Attorney  
Central Texas Office*

### Texas Appleseed

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“Our EJA support has enabled us to tackle systemic reform on disaster relief and other issues facing the underserved in Texas. With EJA’s support we have convinced state and federal agencies to make major changes in the way they provide services to low-income disaster victims. This work should help thousands of future disaster victims, who will find processes streamlined and procedures more transparent.”

Rebecca Lightsey  
*Executive Director*

### Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid

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“EJA has provided significant assistance to our office. We are a small, rural office and the help of a law clerk or a first year lawyer is immediately felt in the office and the community. It enables us to do more work for a larger number of individuals as well as allowing us to move large cases and projects forward a little faster.”

Alpha Hernandez  
*Attorney, Deputy Branch Manager  
Del Rio Office*