

PAST GOLDMARK EQUAL JUSTICE INTERNS 1993-2017

"The most talented and polished attorneys are not all in large, prestigious law firms working on high profile cases, and the law does not strictly benefit the wealthy. Law's practical implications are profound, even, and especially, for the little guy." Carrie Gargas, 2000

2017 – Laura Ferrari: King County Pro Bono Services Family Law Program
Will work in partnership with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP), addressing the legal and safety needs of unaccompanied immigrant children.

2016 – Tarra Simmons: Northwest Justice Project's Re-entry through Service and Education (RISE) project in Seattle, Washington.
Provided direct legal services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated clients in civil legal matters related to family law, child support, housing, consumer debt, legal financial obligations, and other matters.

2015 – Ingrid Zerpa: Successful Transition and Reentry Project, Walla Walla
Worked with STAR staff to complete determination assessment interviews of SSI/D clients and complete forms for either waiver or re-evaluation of LFO payment.

2014 – Lauren Berkowitz: Unemployment Law Project, Seattle
Worked with ULP staff on client assistance, intake, case review, representation at administrative hearings, written appeals to the Commissioner of the ESD.
*Current Councilmember, City of Burien

2013 – Emily Nelson: Chelan Douglas County VAS, Wenatchee
Participated in the weekly Housing Justice Project assisting low-income tenants facing eviction by providing limited representation in court; help clients complete family law pleadings.
*2014-15, clerk to Judge George Fearing on Division III of the Court of Appeals

2012 – Laura Hendrickson: NWIRP, Tacoma
Conducted "Know Your Rights" presentations and workshops to assist detainees with applying for relief, draft pro se briefs and conduct extensive legal research, intake and assist keeping LOP up and running
*Maney & Gordon, Immigration practice in Albuquerque, NM

2011 – Alex Kirigin: Seattle Community Law Center, Seattle
Worked on Social Security application and appeals files for clients living in shelters who have mental health impairments, limited English proficiency, alcohol or chemical dependency issues and/or barriers to access to justice
*District Court Unit – Assigned Counsel, Pierce County

2009 – Jessica Hertz: NWIRP, Tacoma
Conducted "Know Your Rights" presentations and workshops to assist detainees with applying for relief, draft pro se briefs and conduct extensive legal research, intake and assist keeping LOP up and running
*Asylum Officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

2008 – Jana Gomez: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Granger
Provided direct legal representation to low-income immigrants and their families on their applications for immigration status and relief from removal
*Ada County Prosecutor's Office, Idaho

2007 – Meghan Collins: Tacoma-Pierce County Volunteer Legal Services Program
Assisted with client intake, case development, volunteer attorney support, legal research and the development of educational and other materials for the program's Coordinated Family Law Project and Housing Justice Project websites
*Oregon Department of Justice

2006 – Erin Glass: LAW Advocates
Assisted Homeless Disability Benefits Advocacy Project clients, providing direct representation as a Rule 9 intern in landlord-tenant litigation and negotiation, and act as Street Law Sessions Coordinator
*2008 Clerk, Appellate Justice Mary Kay Becker, currently in private practice at Barron Smith Daugert, Bellingham, WA

2005 – Ernest Radillo: Kitsap Legal Services, Inc.
Assisted in the areas of family law, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant and consumer law, and work at the KLS evening legal clinics
*Private practice, fmr. Columbia Legal Services, Wenatchee, WA (2011 MLK Award recipient)

2004 – Michelle Raiford: Eastside Legal Assistance Program Domestic Violence Legal Fund
Assisted staff provide direct, emergency legal representation in family law cases to low-income D.V. survivors tailored to ensure victim health/safety
*Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, Washington

2003 – Rogina Beckwith: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Foundation, Housing Justice Project
Expanded capacity of HJP in Tacoma-Pierce County in collaboration with the Bar Foundation, the VLP, NJP and CLS
*Tribal Attorney, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Washington

2002 – Lael Echo-Hawk: Northwest Justice Project Native American Unit
Brought general outreach and training to Native Elders on reservation and providing special assistance with wills and estate planning
*Garvey Schubert Barer

2002 – Stacey Tutt: CLS Tri-County Domestic Violence Civil Assistance Project
Assisted start up of new project seeking to increase legal services available to D.V. victims in Thurston, Mason and Lewis Counties
* Assistant Clinical Professor/Director of Community Preservation Clinic, University of Illinois College of Law

2001 – Jennifer Durcan Andrews: Kitsap County Volunteer Attorney Services
Provided legal services in the areas of family law, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant and consumer law
*Kitsap City Prosecutor's Office, Washington

2001 – Peter Hack: NJP C.L.E.A.R. Hotline
Provided telephone intake and referrals to legal services providers
* Tjornehoj & Hack, Colorado

2001 – Ishbel Dickens: Mobile Homeowners Project – Columbia Legal Services
Conducted education and research project supporting rights to affordable housing by low-income seniors, people with disabilities and families on fixed income
*E.D., Manufactured Home Owners Association of America, Washington, 2015 Chair ATJ Board, fmr. CLS attorney

2000 – Carrie Gargas: Northwest Justice Project, Cross Cultural Family Law Clinic
Conducted Domestic Violence Program intake to persons of different cultures speaking little or no English
*previously with the Access to Justice Institute, now in private practice, Washington

2000 – Stacey Kihlstrom: Snohomish County Legal Services Domestic Violence (DOVE) Program
Provided legal support and assistance to low-income D.V. victims
*Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, Washington

1999 – Jamie Clausen: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Trained to represent clients in immigration cases at administration level
*Phinney Estate Law, A Holistic Approach to Law, Washington

1999 – Diane Meulemans: Spokane Volunteer Lawyers Program
Researched and wrote family law trial level brief template
*Marathon County Corporation Counsel, Wisconsin

1999 – Maggie Schott: Family Assistance Program of Fremont Public Association
Provided direct representation welfare advocacy, outreach to D.V. victims, and develop Welfare Advocacy clinic at UW
*Homemaker

1998 – Eyad Asad: Fremont Public Association – Family Assistance Program
Represented clients at administrative unemployment hearings
*Associate General Counsel/Assistant Director, Contracts and Grievance Center at SEIU Local 32BJ, New York

1998 – Lisa Graybill: Snohomish County Legal Services – Domestic Violence Program
Aided clients/victims of domestic violence
*Legal Director, ACLU of Texas

1997 – Matthew Adams: Unemployment Law Project
Represented clients at administrative unemployment hearings
*Legal Director, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, Washington

1997 – Shelley Hall: Northwest Justice Project C.L.E.A.R. Hotline
Provided telephone intake and referrals to legal services providers
*Attachmate, formerly Stokes Lawrence, Seattle, Washington

1996 – Elizabeth Landry: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Conducted outreach to service providers regarding immigrant rights
*Northwest Justice Project, Seattle, Washington

1996 – Kathleen Morris: Unemployment Law Project
Represented clients at administrative unemployment hearings
*past San Francisco City and County Attorney, now Law Professor at Golden Gate University

1995 – Kevin Diaz: Columbia Legal Services – Farmworker Project
Worked with a migrant forestry worker population
*Compassion & Choices, Oregon, fmr. ACLU of Oregon, fmr. Staff Attorney at NJP

1995 – Melinda Foster: University Legal Assistance
Worked on paternity establishment issues

1994 – Todd Carlisle : KCBA – Committee on Homelessness
Completed survey of legal needs of homeless mentally ill clients in Seattle
*Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project, Tacoma, Adjunct Professor @ SU

1993 – Scott Sufficool : Legal Services Programs of Washington
Conducted first legal needs study of Native Americans in SW Washington
*U.S. Dept. of Indian Affairs-Midwest Regional Office, Minnesota