



## JOHN PAUL STEVENS FOUNDATION

# Thank you for advancing a legacy of justice!

## Mission & Purpose

The John Paul Stevens Foundation seeks to build a more just and equitable society. As a living tribute to Justice John Paul Stevens, the Foundation works to protect and promote democracy and the rule of law, access to justice, and equality by supporting law students, lawyers, and others working in the public interest.

The Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Program provides financial support to law students working in otherwise unpaid summer public interest law internships.

# 1,101 FELLOWS

since 1997

# 73%

working in public interest  
and social justice careers

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I can't thank you enough for supporting me and other public interest-minded law students. I am so honored that I was chosen for the Stevens Fellowship. The resources provided have boosted my confidence in my ability to pursue this work for the rest of my life.

- 2024 Stevens Fellow

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## 2024 Stevens Fellows

With the support of former clerks to Justice Stevens and other generous donors, in 2024 the John Paul Stevens Foundation supported 157 Stevens Fellows selected by 38 law schools and 3 nonprofits working on substantive issues that were of great importance to Justice Stevens.

During their summers, the 2024 Stevens Fellows worked at more than 136 different public interest agencies in 23 different states, collectively doing over 50,000 hours of public interest legal work.

This summer the Foundation also celebrated the selection of the 1,000th Stevens Fellow, a milestone moment in the program's 27-year history. There are now over 1,100 alumni of the Stevens Fellowship, and 73% of the Fellows who have graduated from law school are working in public interest careers.

## MESSAGES FROM 2024 STEVENS FELLOWS

“Thank you! Without the support of this fellowship I never would have been able to accept my summer position, and I am leaving with an offer to work with them after graduation. During my time this summer, I grew significantly not only as a legal advocate but also as a person.”



Stacey Escobar Machorro  
University of Idaho College of Law  
National Immigrant Justice Center



Breana Bennett  
North Carolina Central University  
Mecklenburg County Public Defender

“Through the Fellowship I was able to connect with other like-minded individuals and create lasting connections. I was also able to work this summer without the stress of my financial situation hanging over my head, allowing me to focus on my clients and getting the best outcome for them. Thank you!”

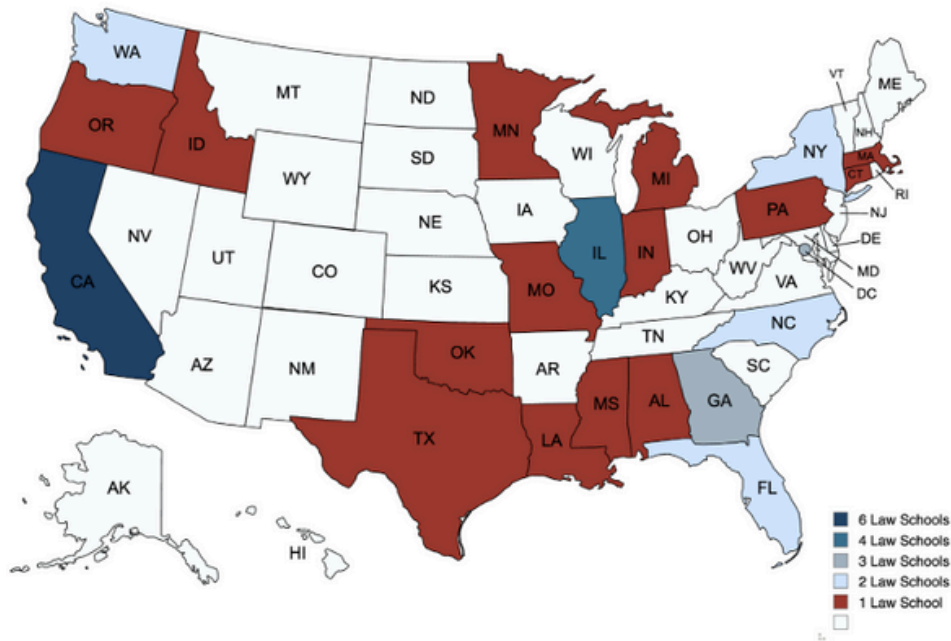
“Without the Stevens Fellowship, I wouldn't have been able to take this internship that gave me lasting, valuable information and connections. Because of the Fellowship, I am more motivated than ever to continue my journey and make a lasting, positive, impact on my community as a lawyer.”



Gracyn Ross  
University of Oklahoma College of Law  
Cook County State Attorney's Office

# 2024 STEVENS FELLOWS - AN OVERVIEW

The 157 Stevens Fellows in 2024 were selected by 38 law schools and 3 nonprofits across the country. The Stevens Fellows came from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. Of the Fellows, 54% identify as being BIPOC (Black Indigenous, and People of Color), 62% identify as female, 32% identify as LGBTQIA+, and 52% identify as first-generation attendees of professional or graduate school.



**OTHER GOVERNMENT**  
**27.2%**

**PUBLIC DEFENSE**  
**27.9%**

## Public Interest Employment

The 2024 Fellows worked at 136 unique public interest agencies across 23 jurisdictions. Approximately 45% of the Fellows worked at public interest nonprofits, 28% worked in federal, state, or local public defense, and 27% worked at other government agencies.

