

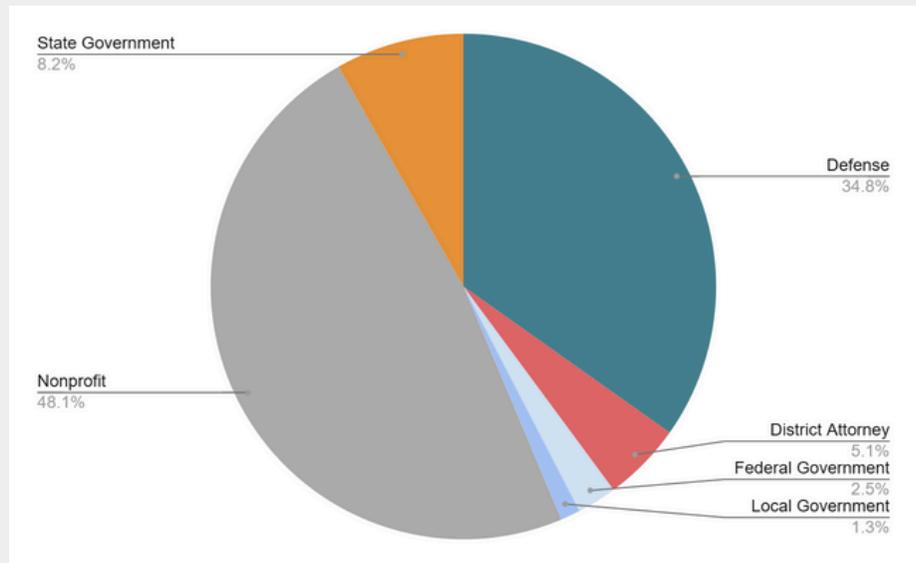


THE JOHN PAUL STEVENS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

NEWS & SPOTLIGHTS TO CONNECT, INFORM, AND CELEBRATE OUR
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COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI

The Summer of 2025 Stevens Fellows join 27 previous year's cohorts of Fellowship Alumni in becoming essential engines of transformation in the realm of public interest law. With the addition of the 2025 Stevens Fellows, there are now over 1,250 Alumni of the Stevens Fellowship and 73% of the Fellows who have graduated from law school are working in public interest legal careers.

The impact that the Stevens Fellows had this summer was astounding: Fellows worked with more than 135 unique public interest agencies in 25 different states including D.C. 48% of the Fellows worked at public interest nonprofits this past summer and 35% in federal, state and local public defense agencies. Their work this summer continues to provide long-standing effects in the communities and cities across the country.



The Foundation is committed to keeping in touch with our Alumni and the JPS Clerk Community. If you have recently moved or started using a new email address, please update your contact information through this form so we can continue to reach you regarding future events: <https://shorturl.at/ejtIS>

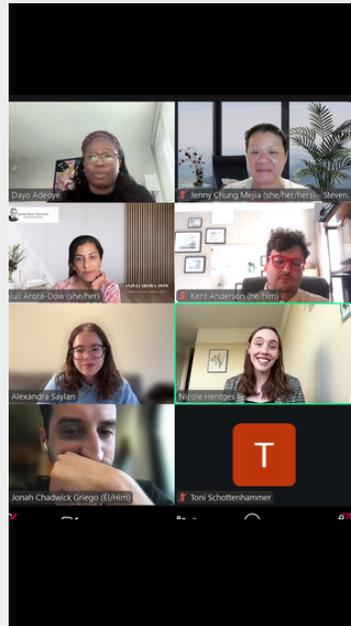
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FELLOWS NETWORKING

This summer, numerous Fellows had the opportunity to connect in person through happy hours, dinners, and even a lively trivia night. The enthusiasm, initiative, and engagement of the Fellowship community are a true source of pride for the Foundation! [Photos L-R: 2025 Fellows meeting in D.C., Virtual Happy Hour with Staff & Fellows meeting for dinner in Philly]



Would you or your firm/organization like to host a Fellowship Happy Hour? Please get in touch!

[Happy Hour Interest Form](#)



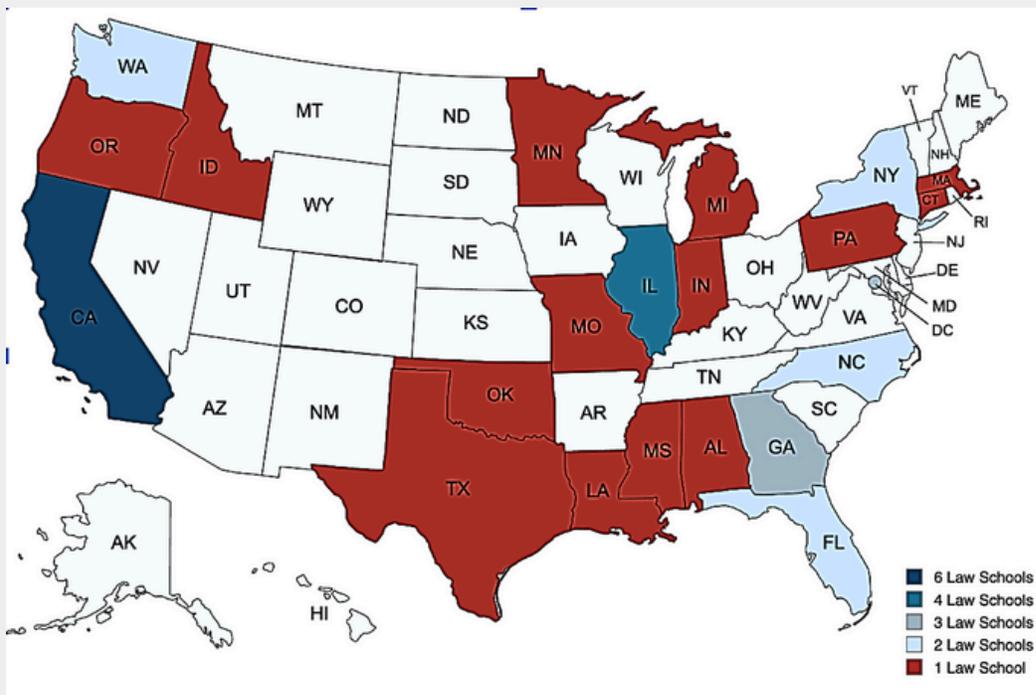
JOIN OUR ALUMNI COUNCIL!

The Foundation has been so grateful for the Alumni who have joined our past three alumni council meetings to discuss programming including training topics and in-person gatherings. If you are interested in joining future alumni council meetings, email us at: fellows@jpstevensfoundation.org for more information.

THE 2025 STEVENS FELLOWS

The Summer 2025 Fellowship cohort of 158 Fellows dedicated their time and talent to over 135 public interest agencies contributing more than 50,000 hours of public interest legal work! Their efforts not only addressed urgent legal needs in underserved communities, government agencies and nonprofits, but also laid the groundwork for systemic change—creating a ripple effect that will continue to benefit individuals, families, and communities for years to come.

The Foundation held its first roundtable meeting with our law school partners this spring to talk through the public interest legal internship landscape and ways to support law students pursuing summer internships. We look forward to this ongoing collaboration with our wonderful law school partners which results in amazing internship opportunities for the Stevens Fellows!



2025 Fellows provided over 50,000 hours of public interest work and worked with more than 135 unique employers across the country.

25 STATES
plus D.C.

JPSF's New SLACK Channel!

JPSF now has an exclusive Slack channel for the JPSF Alumni community as a way to connect, network, share updates, exchange resources and plan happy hours! If you'd like to join, please fill out this form so we can send you an invitation: [Slack interest form](#)



A LEGACY OF JUSTICE:

A FATHER-DAUGHTER CLERKSHIP WITH JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

The 129 law professionals who clerked for Justice Stevens over his 34+ year judicial career have a privileged perspective on his work and legacy. We are proud to share their thoughts and memories with you and we remain grateful for their continued support of the Foundation.

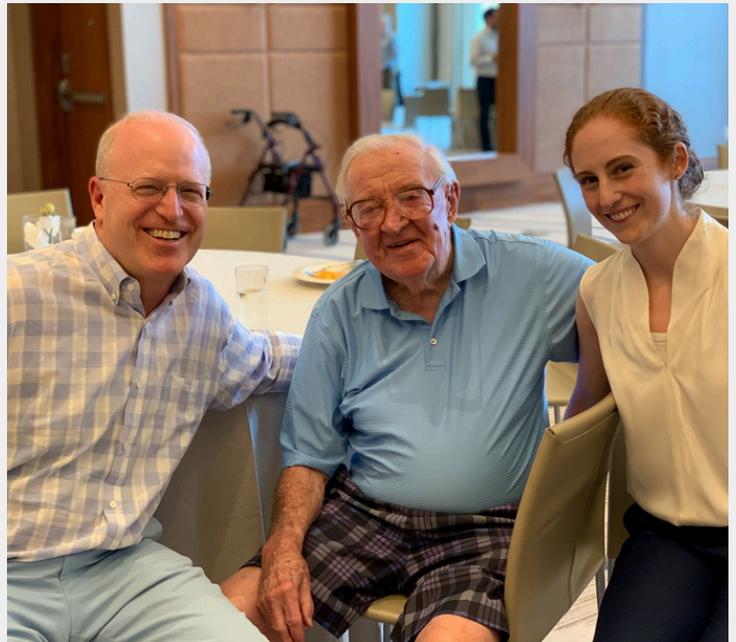
Sarah Sloan (2018 Stevens Clerk) and Cliff Sloan (1985 Stevens Clerk)

For most judicial Law Clerks, the opportunity to serve a United States Supreme Court Justice is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For Sarah Sloan and her father, Cliff Sloan, it was a shared one. Both had the privilege of clerking for Justice John Paul Stevens, though decades apart. Cliff Sloan clerked for the Justice in 1985 while Sarah clerked thirty three years later in 2018. In a recent conversation, the Sloans reflected on their clerkships, their unique bond and the lasting legacy of Justice Stevens.

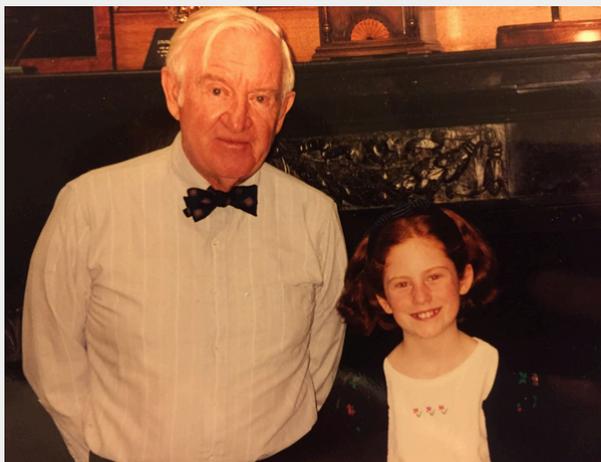
Cliff Sloan remembers his reaction vividly, "I was ecstatic when Justice Stevens called with the offer because he had a reputation as an outstanding jurist and was so friendly and down-to-earth in our interview." The Chicago connection didn't hurt either. "He was even a Cubs fan!"

For Sarah, the excitement was deeply personal, "I went into the interview with the mindset that just having the opportunity to talk with Justice Stevens would be incredible," she said. "Getting the clerkship was more than I could have hoped for." Adding to the moment, she learned she had been selected while visiting her parents in D.C., a cause for immediate celebration. "We went out for drinks that afternoon," Cliff remembered vividly.

Clerking for the same Justice created a powerful sense of continuity. "The Clerk community can feel like a big family," Sarah noted, "but it's fun to have an actual family connection." Her experience differed from her father's in one significant way: she clerked for Justice Stevens after his retirement and helped him with the publication of his final book, The Making of a Justice, while also clerking for Justice Elena Kagan, who succeeded Justice Stevens on the Supreme Court.



Cliff expressed deep pride, "I was thrilled when I learned that Sarah was going to be clerking for Justice Stevens. I knew she would be clerking for the best possible Justice and Justice Stevens would have the best possible clerk." Although Justice Stevens said that he had not realized the family connection when hiring Sarah, the coincidence only deepened the bond. "I think we're the only parent and child to have clerked for the same Justice on the Supreme Court," Cliff said.



Justice Stevens left an indelible mark on both Sloans. "His core values stayed with me, especially the importance of intellectual integrity and being an independent thinker, and that of human kindness and doing the right thing," Cliff said.

Sarah highlighted his remarkable dedication, "Justice Stevens retired at the age of 90!" Sarah noted that after retiring he was still "engaged, thoughtful, sharp and kind" and he went on to write three books and stayed active in public life. "His commitment to civic engagement was truly inspiring."

Both father and daughter emphasized Justice Stevens' strong belief in the importance of public service. "Justice Stevens believed **public interest attorneys perform a crucial function in society**," said Sarah. Cliff added, "He used to say that all lawyers should do pro bono. And he would add that all good lawyers do." Cliff believed that Justice Stevens' own pro bono experiences affected him deeply and "**translated into profound respect for people working in public interest full time. It's critically important work.**"



Justice John Paul Stevens' legacy lives on not just in his jurisprudence, but in the lives he shaped, including those of Cliff and Sarah Sloan. As they are both now professors at Georgetown Law School, Cliff and Sarah also ensure that Justice Stevens' legacy lives on in the next generation of lawyers. Their journey is a reminder of how one Justice's values can echo across generations.



The Foundation would like to honor James Kitch (1972 Stevens Clerk) who recently passed and acknowledge his incredible service and dedication to Justice Stevens.

FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



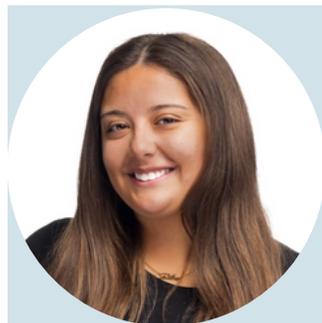
Abi Omolafe
2025 Fellow
Howard University School of Law

“As a first-generation law student, the Stevens Fellowship allowed me to pursue this opportunity in the U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C. without the burden of financial stress. It also connected me with a community of like-minded public interest advocates and helped develop essential skills for a successful summer experience. It was a wonderful opportunity to expand my knowledge and strengthen my legal writing skills. While most of my experience up to now has been appellate-focused, my time at USADC provided invaluable trial experience that allowed me to serve my community directly while also enhancing my career prospects.”



Kyle Sung
2025 Fellow
Emory University School of Law

“The Stevens Fellowship provided crucial financial support that enabled me to pursue my commitment to justice by working with the Flint Judicial Circuit Office of the Public Defender. This opportunity not only advanced my professional path as a first-generation law student, but also allowed me to carry forward Justice Stevens' legacy of equity, constitutional rights, and access to justice. Professionally, this summer experience confirmed that I want to pursue a career in public interest law. Being in the courtroom and directly advocating for clients gave me a sense of purpose and responsibility that I hope to carry into whatever path I ultimately choose.”



Tabitha Escalante
2025 Fellow
Harvard Law School

“This summer experience has completely affirmed that this is the path that I am meant to be on. I am incredibly thankful to the Stevens Foundation for enabling me to engage in public interest work that is incredibly meaningful and fulfilling to me, both personally and professionally. I gained experience in managing a demanding caseload and balancing the needs of multiple clients on tight timelines. And, most importantly, I had countless lessons in and opportunities to engage in effective and compassionate advocacy, even when the system routinely seeks to prevent advocates like myself from doing so. Thank you to everyone at the Foundation who made this experience a possibility. This summer was a dream come true!”

We love connecting with our Alumni Fellows!

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FUN FACT ABOUT JUSTICE
STEVENS

Did you know?



Justice Stevens learned to fly in the late 1960s! His daughter, Susan Mullen (lawyer and JSPF Board member) recalled that the inspiration for flying started when he was representing a client in a matter in St. Louis, Missouri. After learning that his opposing counsel in the case had flown his own private plane to St. Louis for the hearing, he had thought to himself, "Well, if this guy can fly a plane, surely I can learn to fly." Indeed, he learned to fly shortly thereafter and bought a 4-seater single engine Cessna, with the tail number 1688F (known as "1688 Foxtrot"). Justice Stevens then flew recreationally for many years, including during his years on the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and for his first 5 years on the Supreme Court. A fun fact about the plane is that it is currently registered to a skydiving company on South Padre Island, Texas.



INAUGURAL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI FELLOW

To celebrate the milestone of supporting over 1,000 Stevens Fellows and the continued success of our Alumni Fellows, the Foundation launched the inaugural Justice John Paul Stevens Distinguished Alumni Fellow Award. This award is designed to continue the intergenerational impact that Justice Stevens had on his law clerks and selecting an Alumni Fellow whose demonstrated professional commitment to public interest honors the Justice's legacy of supporting democracy, access to justice, and equality. The inaugural awardee, **Christine M. Evans**, a 2002 Stevens Fellow, was selected in April of 2025 (Justice Stevens' birthday month) and is one of the early recipients of a Stevens Fellowship.

"We are proud to recognize Christine's dedication to public interest law and her achievements over the past two decades. We have no doubt that Justice Stevens would have been equally as proud to celebrate Christine." **Teresa Wynn Roseborough**, President, JPSF Board of Directors.

The nomination process for the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Fellow will likely begin in the Spring of 2026.



WORK, FELLOWSHIP & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**JPSF WEBINAR: [Live Registration Link](#)
Is a Judicial Clerkship Right for me?
Webinar: September 30, 2025 at 12p PT / 3pm ET**

Judicial law clerks play a vital role in upholding our democracy, yet many law students and attorneys are unsure how to pursue a clerkship. Join us for a dynamic panel discussion featuring three JPSF Alumni Fellows and a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, who will share their personal journeys and offer practical advice on securing a judicial clerkship. This community conversation is brought to you by JPSF & California ChangeLawyers.

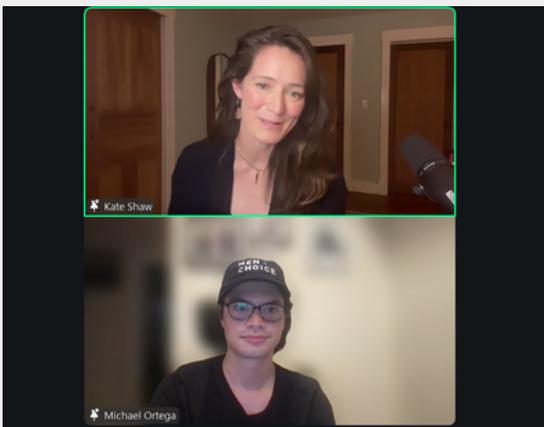


Image taken from "Understanding the Constitution in a Changing America", a live webinar in July 2025 that featured Michael Ortega (2020 Stevens Fellow) and Kate Shaw (JPSF board member, renowned constitutional law professor, and co-host of "Strict Scrutiny.")

**JPSF WEBINAR: [Live Registration Link](#)
Next Chapters: Navigating Career Transitions in Law and Public Service
Webinar: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 5pm PT / 8pm ET**

Public interest careers often include different jobs and experiences. Are you trying to figure out what's next? Are you experiencing a career transition or navigating a possible career change? This webinar is for you!

Join us for a special webinar featuring JPSF Board member, Aaron Zelinsky. Aaron recently joined Zuckerman Spaeder after a long career in the Federal Government. In this candid conversation, he'll chat with a JPSF Alumni Fellow and a Foundation staff member, all offering valuable reflections on career transitions and navigating new professional paths in legal careers.

Fellowship Programs

The ACLU of Michigan is recruiting their next West Michigan Legal Fellow, a two-year funded position starting in the fall of 2026. For more info: [ACLU Fellowship](#)

Join Us!

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