

development news

Ford Foundation Commits Grant to Inaugural Fellowship Program

YALE LAW SCHOOL has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to offer twenty-five Yale Law students an unprecedented chance to gain experience on the frontlines of public interest law this summer. The inaugural Ford Foundation Law School Public Interest Fellowship Program is designed to connect highly motivated and accomplished law students to substantive, ten-week placements with the foundation’s grantee organizations around the world, working to improve the lives of others through legal analysis, litigation and public policy advocacy.

“This program opens up a new pathway for law students to gain practical and transformative experience working on many of the defining social justice issues of our age,” said Luis Ubiñas, president of the Ford Foundation. “We believe it will offer them invaluable knowledge and understanding that will inform their careers, whether public or private, while bringing fresh talent to organizations working to advance fairness and freedom.”

The fellowship is currently open to high performing first- and second-year law students from an initial group of four partner institutions—Harvard Law School, New York University School of Law, Stanford Law School, and Yale Law School—that have a long track record of partnership with the foundation and commitment to public service. The foundation has made an initial commitment of \$417,000 to Yale Law School for the first year of the fellowships, which will begin in summer 2013.

“Investing in the next generation of leaders is central to the Ford Foundation’s mission,” added Ubiñas. “Higher education will shape our future. This effort continues the expansion of our work with leading academic institutions in the United States and worldwide.”

Those selected for the fellowship will receive \$15,000; the first class of students will begin their fellowships in the summer of 2013. Working closely with lawyers and advocates, the students will be exposed to a variety of diverse settings and gain insight into social justice issues.

“We are deeply grateful that the Ford Foundation has chosen to invest in the education of tomorrow’s leaders,” said Yale Law School Dean Robert Post ’77. “The new Ford Foundation program will provide outstanding opportunities for students to work with Ford Foundation grantees on important social justice issues. We are excited to be included in this visionary program. We expect that it will substantially affect how our students inhabit their future roles as leaders in law, business, government, and academia.”



Guido Calabresi '58

Calabresi Scholarship Established

THANKS TO A GENEROUS gift from Yale Law School benefactor Amy Goldman, the Law School has recently established the Guido Calabresi ’58 Scholarship Fund.

Two current students — AZ Biazar ’14 and Charanya Krishnaswami ’13 — are already benefitting from the scholarship. Named in honor of former Dean and Sterling

Professor Emeritus Guido Calabresi (himself an immigrant from Italy), the Calabresi Scholarships are given with preference to immigrants or children of immigrants.

Krishnaswami was born in Saudi Arabia, raised in Texas, and became a naturalized U.S. citizen when she turned eighteen. “Because of my background, immigrants’ rights have always been a natural interest of mine, and I hope to one day work to reform today’s broken immigration policy,” Krishnaswami said. “The Calabresi Scholarship has been an incredible boon to me, giving me the freedom to pursue the civil rights and human rights work I came to law school to do.”

Amy Goldman’s recent \$1 million gift to endow the Calabresi Scholarship Fund is part of a long family tradition of giving to Yale Law School. The Lillian Goldman Law Library is named after Goldman’s mother, whose generosity led to the reconstruction and expansion of the Law School’s library in the 1990s. “My mother really set the pace with her interest in scholarship and her dedication to the Law School,” Amy Goldman explained. “Guido Calabresi is a great friend of the family and I am so pleased that I can help honor such an extraordinary man.”

“I am moved beyond words by Amy Goldman’s gift,” said Calabresi. “The scholarship in itself – and those it helps – would be reason enough. But the fact that it comes from Amy, given her lifelong commitment to things good and beautiful, makes it even more special. I rejoice in having my name linked with hers and her family’s forever more.”

The Results Are In: YLS Law Firm Challenge

THE YLS LAW FIRM CHALLENGE PROGRAM, now in its third year, is a friendly competition that promotes financial support of the Yale Law School Fund by alumni at leading law firms. The program emphasizes participation in the Law School Fund and the impact of alumni donations.

The chart below provides the final results from fiscal year 2011–2012. Overall, 33 firms participated in the challenge, which represented a total of 868 alumni. The overall participation rate was 59 percent with a participation rate of 67 percent among all partners and 48 percent among all associates.

Thank you to all Yale Law School alumni working at every law firm for your thoughtful support of YLS. If you have any questions or would like to participate in or volunteer for your firm for the 2012–2013 Law Firm Challenge, please contact Eric Stoddard at eric.stoddard@yale.edu.

	Law Firm	Number of Alums	Number of Donors	Participation	Partner	Associate
GROUP 1 35+	Cleary Gottlieb	41	28	68%	83%	47%
	WilmerHale	36	24	67%	72%	55%
	Debevoise & Plimpton	46	29	63%	74%	40%
	Sidley Austin	36	22	61%	64%	55%
	Covington & Burling	43	26	60%	76%	39%
	Davis Polk	47	27	57%	67%	52%
	Sullivan & Cromwell	42	24	57%	78%	42%
GROUP 2 20 to 34	Latham & Watkins	35	16	46%	43%	50%
	Williams & Connolly	24	18	75%	82%	69%
	Paul, Weiss	27	20	74%	81%	64%
	Morrison & Foerster	27	19	70%	76%	60%
	Cravath	29	20	69%	71%	67%
	Goodwin Procter	21	14	67%	76%	25%
	Simpson Thacher	23	15	65%	100%	33%
	Arnold & Porter	32	17	53%	67%	27%
	Mayer Brown	27	14	52%	57%	33%
	Boies, Schiller & Flexner	20	10	50%	46%	57%
	Munger, Tolles & Olson	29	14	48%	58%	30%
	Skadden	30	14	47%	63%	18%
	O’Melveny & Myers	26	12	46%	56%	30%
	Bingham McCutchen	21	9	43%	55%	30%
	Ropes & Gray	30	11	37%	55%	26%
GROUP 3 14 to 19	Fulbright & Jaworski	14	14	100%	100%	100%
	Wachtell Lipton*	19	19/6	100% / 32%	100% / 60%	100% / 21%
	Jenner & Block	16	11	69%	76%	50%
	Step toe & Johnson	16	9	56%	57%	50%
	Irell & Manella	16	9	56%	56%	57%
	Kirkland & Ellis	15	8	53%	56%	50%
	Wilson Sonsini					
	Goodrich & Rosati	15	8	3%	63%	43%
	Jones Day	18	9	50%	46%	60%
	Paul Hastings	14	6	43%	50%	0%
	Gibson Dunn	19	8	42%	50%	33%
	Quinn Emanuel	14	5	36%	43%	29%

* Wachtell makes a donation every year on behalf of all YLS Partners and Associates; therefore, the firm achieves 100% participation. Volunteers will solicit colleagues for their “own” gift, and the second participation rate reflects these results.