



**William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law
University of Texas School of Law**

Public Service Scholars Program 2009-2010

APPLY NOW

The William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law is pleased to announce the Public Service Scholars Program for 2009-2010. The program will provide \$5000 scholarships to five second and third year students with a demonstrated commitment to studying and working in public service and promoting it at the Law School. "Public service" for this program includes legal work in non-profit, government and legislative settings.

Public Service Scholars will be selected based on their commitment to public service, financial need, and academic credentials. Each student selected as a Scholar is expected to work closely with the Justice Center during the 2009-2010 academic year (approximately 8-10 hours per month). The Scholars serve on the Justice Center Student Advisory Board, which meets regularly to advise the Center about student awards, public interest speakers, and outreach to student organizations. The Scholars also assist with events and conferences sponsored by the Center and help plan pro bono projects, such as a UT Law student pro bono trip to the Gulf Coast tentatively scheduled for January, 2010.

Each recipient will be required to sign a scholarship agreement before funds are disbursed. Scholars who are selected in their 2L year are encouraged to participate on the Student Advisory Board in their 3L year.

For more information about the scholarship program and past recipients, see <http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/activities/publicservice.html>
For more information about the Student Advisory Board to the Justice Center, see <http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/friends/studentadvisory.html>

Questions may be directed to: Eden Harrington, Director, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, eharrington@law.utexas.edu, (512) 232-7068

Application Deadline: Noon on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. (Recipients will be announced by September 4, 2009.)

Application Information:

Students in their second or third year of law school are invited to apply by submitting the following to Rachel Sidulos in CCJ 1.324 (512-232-6277):

1. An essay (two to three double-spaced pages) describing your commitment to public service and your employment goals for next summer (if a 2L) and following graduation;
2. A one-paragraph description of your educational debt;
3. Resume;
4. Law school transcript;
5. List of courses for the fall semester;
6. List of three references (including address and phone), preferably including one UT Law faculty member.

Due by noon on Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

Public Service Scholars' Comments:

Class of '10 Scholars

"It has been an honor to serve on the Student Advisory Board to the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law. Public Service Scholars are given the unique opportunity of participating in several Justice Center events, from the early proposal stages right through to the finished product. It was incredibly gratifying to work with fellow students and Justice Center leaders on solidifying the law school's commitment to public interest law, by exposing the student body to a broad range of issues through various speaker series and events. Knowing that your suggestions and feedback are helping to shape the public interest landscape at UT gives you a great sense of accomplishment. I am eager to return to the Justice Center and excited to see what develops for the 2009-2010 academic year."

Stephanie Kolmar, '10
Public Service Scholar, '08 – '09

"I have been truly fortunate to work with the Justice Center on the Student Advisory Board, and feel honored to be around so many talented and committed individuals. The Advisory Board is an important mechanism for linking all law students, but especially those interested in public interest law, with educational opportunities, networking, and the Law School faculty. Serving on the board means you have the opportunity to represent the students in important decisions regarding future speakers, education series, and pro bono work. Perhaps most special for me is simply being surrounded by students who are so inspirational in their dedication to public service. I look forward to meeting next year's additions to the board."

Lindsey Peebles, '10
Public Service Scholar, '08 – '09

Stephanie and Lindsey are happy to answer prospective applicants' questions:

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Class of '09 Scholars

“As the public interest community at UT Law continues to grow, the importance of the Public Service Scholars Program will gain in importance. The opportunity for the Justice Center leaders to connect with the student public interest community, and vice versa, only strengthens public interest programs. In my experience as a Public Service Scholar, students' concerns, experiences and ideas were not only listened to but also incorporated into future and current programs. Such a dialogue will keep public interest programs at UT Law relevant and exciting. Our voices were valued and respected on the committee and we could take ownership of certain events or programs as suited our interests. It's an amazing community to work with and a privilege to assist.”

Whitney Hill, '09
Public Service Scholar, '07 – '08

“In the two years since I arrived at UT Law, the school's public interest community has grown considerably in number and in presence. Being a Public Service Scholar was both rewarding and fun. Most importantly, however, it provided me with a great opportunity to work with other like-minded students and faculty to help continue this growth and address the issues and concerns that have accompanied it. I look forward to being involved again next year and continuing to work to make UT Law a great place for public interest students.”

Aron Israelite, '09
Public Service Scholar, '07 – '08

“Working with the Justice Center as a Public Service Scholar gave me an inside look at the public interest organ of the law school--the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law--and also the opportunity to brainstorm and coordinate with other like-minded UT Law students on projects, initiatives, and issues I care about. The Justice Center is in a position to do a lot of good both inside the law school and out; as a member of the Student Advisory Board, you can have meaningful input into just what form it will take. The experience has been tremendous, and I am looking forward to another productive year.”

Meghan Shapiro, '09
Public Service Scholar, '07 – '08

“I feel truly fortunate to have been chosen as a Public Service Scholar. It is encouraging to see the law school's commitment to public interest and gratifying to be personally involved with furthering that commitment. It has been an enjoyable and unique experience working with the staff and other Justice Center scholars to plan and promote public interest events at the law school. I look forward to continuing to work with the Justice Center and the incoming Scholars next year.”

Lisa Snead, '09
Public Service Scholar, '07 – '08