



Pro Bono BREAKING NEWS



Equal Justice Works Fellow Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch (UT Law '08) to Work with Political Asylum Project of Austin

Akin Gump has selected Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch as its third Equal Justice Works ("EJW") fellow, for 2008-2010. Kate's project, to work with the Political Asylum Project of Austin ("PAPA") representing detainees at the T. Don Hutto immigration detention facility in Taylor, Texas, was scored highest among more than a dozen proposals reviewed by the firm's EJW Committee. Kate will work with PAPA to represent asylum-seekers in their immigration proceedings, and with the firm's help will develop a pro bono network to increase representation of these refugees. We also anticipate that Kate will help us expand our pro bono human rights & refugee practice in Texas.

Kate is a Public Service Scholar at UT School of Law, and is a graduate of UT Austin. She is a member of the Women's Law Caucus, and has participated in the Immigration Clinic. After her first year, Kate clerked for the Texas Advocacy Project, working on appeals for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. During the last legislative session, she interned for Texas State Representative Juan Garcia. She worked for PAPA last summer, and she continues her work there this school year.

EJW works with law firms, corporations and bar associations to sponsor approximately 100 post-graduate law fellowships across the United States. More than 80% of EJW fellows remain working in the public interest, and many go on to become leaders in the public interest community. Akin Gump's first EJW fellow, Carolyn Seugling, will complete her work at the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children in Washington, DC in 2008. The firm's 2007-2009 fellow, Jessa Wilcox, is working with the Legal Aid Society of New York on issues relating to the conditions under which juvenile offenders are detained.

Kim Koopersmith (NY) serves on the Board of Directors of EJW. This year, the firm's EJW Committee, which reviewed more than a dozen proposals and interviewed seven candidates, included Bill Morris (Houston), Thomas Sanders (San Antonio), Jesse Weiss (Austin), Michael Small (LA), Amit Kurlekar (SF), Steve Kaufhold (SF), and Steven Schulman (DC).

