



## The Glickman Fellowship in Public Interest Law

**The Glickman Fellowship** in Public Interest Law was established in 2008 through a generous gift from Julius Glickman, '66. Its purpose is to increase access to justice in the United States.

The Glickman Fellowship will support an outstanding graduating student or judicial clerk to work with a public-interest legal organization to provide legal services to underrepresented individuals or groups. Sponsoring organizations must be nonprofit organizations. Preference will be given to projects with the potential to make a significant contribution to the effort to provide civil legal services to the needy, but other projects will also be considered.

"For those students who choose to begin their career helping those who need help, it will be an experience that will forever shape their lives," Julius Glickman said. "For our law school, it will add a choice and a new dimension for our graduates. For those whom they help, it will afford access to a justice system that too often has left them out."

The first Glickman Fellowship will be awarded in January 2009. More information about the Fellowship and its recipient will be published in the next issue of *UT Law*.

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# UT LAW LAUNCHES THE JUSTICE CORPS

**I**N NOVEMBER 2008, THE LAW SCHOOL LAUNCHED THE Justice Corps, a visionary new program to increase access to legal assistance and to support graduates interested in serving the public interest. The Justice Corps offers two-year fellowships to recent Law School graduates to work for public interest legal organizations. Funding has been secured for three fellowships: the UT Law Faculty Fellowship, the Julius Glickman Fellowship, and the George M. Fleming Fellowship. The first was created and funded four years ago by fifty-one faculty members and by the Law School; the second is a new fellowship supported by Julius Glickman, '66; the third is a new fellowship supported by George M. Fleming, '71 [see related story on page 30].

When fully funded, the Justice Corps will send a group of eight or more outstanding new alumni each year to work on two-year assignments with nonprofit legal organizations serving underrepresented people and communities across the world, so there will always be at least sixteen Justice Corps Fellows working for equal justice for all.

The Justice Corps will help to fulfill a critical need for legal services. Despite legal aid providers and pro bono groups, the legal profession can handle only 20 percent of the legal issues of those in our society who cannot afford them. The most direct way to solve this problem is to increase the number of available attorneys. Unfortunately, nonprofit organizations serving this population are chronically underfunded and can rarely afford to hire a recent law school graduate unless that person's salary is covered by a fellowship. Every year, Law School graduates seek such jobs, but many are unable to secure such work unless they obtain a highly competitive fellowship from one of the few existing national programs.

The fellowships will encourage more Law School alumni to begin their careers with a period of public service. According to James Sales, '60, chair of the Texas Access to Justice Commission, partner at Fulbright & Jaworski, and former president of the State Bar of Texas, "Putting more 'boots on the ground' to serve those who desperately need legal help is the most important contribution the UT School of Law can make to the effort to promote equal justice."

While a few other law schools sponsor postgraduate fellowships, none has a program of this ambition. Each Justice Corps fellowship will be distinct, focusing on different areas of public-interest law, forming a cohesive program with a powerful impact. There will be conferences at the Law School each year for the Fellows, interested faculty, and special guests in related fields. The program will also bring current and former Fellows to campus regularly to share their experiences with the Law School and the University community.

The Law School will benefit greatly from the synergy of Fellows engaging regularly with each other, with former Fellows, and with the Law School community. The Justice Corps will also enhance the Law School's growing reputation as an institution committed to bettering society, supporting its graduates, and improving the image of the legal profession. The Justice Corps will have an enormous positive impact on how the Law School is perceived by current and prospective students, faculty, alumni, and the national legal community.