

Justice Center Graduating Student Awards

William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law The University of Texas School of Law Spring 2012

Description: In Spring 2012, the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law will honor up to six graduating law students who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment during law school to using the law to serve others. Students may apply for the award; nominations will also be accepted.

The selection committee will consider students' work in the public interest, legal pro bono, government, legislative, and other non-profit sectors, as well as their participation in law school clinical courses, pro bono projects, and student groups. Students' academic records will also be considered. All applications will be evaluated together, but at least one award will specifically recognize commitment to pro bono activities and at least one award will specifically recognize commitment to government service, in addition to other service.

The awards will be presented by Interim Dean Lindquist on **Monday, April 23, 2012 from 3:30 to 4:30**, at a reception in the Sheffield Room. Award winners are expected to attend the reception and to participate in individual and group photographs. Award winners will be profiled in a law school press release and on the Justice Center website. In addition, each award winner will receive \$500. There is no restriction on the manner in which the funds can be spent by the recipient.

For information about past graduating student award winners, see <http://www.utlawjusticecenter.org/activities/studentawards.html>

Applications and Nominations

Eligibility: Any student graduating from the Law School in December 2011 or May or August 2012 is eligible to apply or for nomination.

To Apply: Apply by submitting the following to Justice Center Administrator Rachel Sidopulos by email (rsidopulos@law.utexas.edu) or by hand (CCJ, room 1.324):

1. A cover sheet with your name and contact information and the name of this award program;
2. A short statement (not to exceed 2 double-spaced pages) describing your commitment during law school to using the law to serve others;
3. Resume;
4. Law school transcript (an informal version is acceptable);
5. List of three references (including email address and phone), preferably including one UT Law faculty member.

Nominations: A UT Law student, faculty member, or staff member may nominate an eligible student for the award by submitting the following to Justice Center Administrator Rachel Sidopulos by email (rsidopulos@law.utexas.edu) or by hand (CCJ, room 1.324):

1. The nominee's name and contact information; the name of this award program; the nominator's name and contact information; and
2. A short statement (not to exceed 2 double-spaced pages) describing the nominee's commitment during law school to using the law to serve others.

The Justice Center will contact nominees for their resumes, references, and transcripts.

Nominators are encouraged to plan to attend the awards presentation.

Application/Nomination Deadline: Noon on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Award winners will be announced by Monday, April 9.

Questions should be directed to: Mary Crouter, Assistant Director, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, CCJ 1.326B, mcrouter@law.utexas.edu, 232-7855.

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