

2012-2013 YLS Fellows by their Multiple Substantive Practice Areas

Civil Rights/ Civil Liberties

Romy Ganschow	Protect low-income tenants' rights to safe and quality affordable housing <i>Brooklyn Legal Services – Brooklyn, NY</i>
Dror Ladin	Protect the right of low-wage, immigrant workers to work <i>American Civil Liberties Union – New York, NY</i>
Kristin MacLeod-Ball	Help increase access to counsel in immigration hearings and improve standards of representation <i>Legal Action Center, American Immigration Council – Washington, DC</i>
Edward Ramos	Work on project challenging the abuse of immigration "detainers" in southern Florida <i>Ira Kurzban of Kurzban Kurzban Weinger Tetzeli and Pratt P.A – Miami, FL</i>
Gabriela Rivera	Address racial profiling and other abuses of local police partnerships with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol <i>American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego – San Diego, CA</i>
Yaman Salahi	Work on issues raised by the growing role for local law enforcement in national security <i>American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California – Los Angeles, CA</i>
Rebecca Scholtz	Assist immigrant youth in the child welfare system <i>Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis – Minneapolis, MN</i>
Sirine Shebaya	Address racial profiling of Latino youth in police gang prevention activities <i>American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland – Baltimore, MD</i>
Jenny Zhao	Address issues of immigrants detained in county jails during their deportation proceedings <i>American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California – San Francisco, CA</i>

Children/Juvenile Rights

Becca Heller	Develop legal interventions for Iraqi refugee young women and girls who are being sexually trafficked <i>Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project – New York, NY</i>
Talia Kraemer	Develop an interdisciplinary, trauma-informed model for representing children in civil legal matters to help prevent future court involvement <i>Legal Services for Children – San Francisco, CA</i>
Kristen Lang	Implement a strategy to increase the placement of 3-5 year old foster youth in high quality preschools while representing these children in court <i>L. David Shear Children's Law Center, Bay Legal Services – Tampa, FL</i>
Rebecca Scholtz	Assist immigrant youth in the child welfare system <i>Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis – Minneapolis, MN</i>

Zachary Strassburger Provide holistic legal services to mentally ill youth in foster care and juvenile justice systems
KidsVoice – Pittsburgh, PA

Counterterrorism

Yaman Salahi Work on issues raised by the growing role for local law enforcement in national security
American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California – Los Angeles, CA

Criminal Law

Chesa Boudin Work to improve the legal services offered to non-citizen clients
San Francisco Public Defender's Office – San Francisco, CA

Edward McCarthy Advise public defenders on immigration consequences of clients' plea agreements
Connecticut Office of the Public Defender – New Haven, CT

Gabriela Rivera Address racial profiling and other abuses of local police partnerships with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol
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Disability Rights

Zachary Strassburger Provide holistic legal services to mentally ill youth in foster care and juvenile justice systems
KidsVoice – Pittsburgh, PA

Drug Law Reform

Forrest Dunbar Investigate impact of felony sentencing for non-violent, non-distributive drug crimes and explore possibilities for law reform
Alaskan Office of Public Advocacy – Anchorage, AK

Education

Kristen Lang Implement a strategy to increase the placement of 3-5 year old foster youth in high quality preschools while representing these children in court
L. David Shear Children's Law Center, Bay Legal Services – Tampa, FL

Environmental Law

Olivia Sinaiko Preserve natural resources for local and native communities with priority on the effects of mining.
Southeast Alaska Conservation Council – Juneau, AK

Federal Policy

Sasha Post Special Adviser
Center for American Progress – Washington, DC

Government – Federal

Barrett Anderson Member of Senator Charles Grassley Senate Judiciary Committee staff
United States Senate, Senator Grassley (Committee on the Judiciary) - Washington, DC

Elizabeth Kelly Work with the Department of Housing and Urban Development crafting fair housing policies
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development – Washington, DC

Michael Love Assist with the development of macroeconomic, monetary, and financial policy in response to international developments
United States Treasury Department – Washington, DC

Tara Rice Help design and implement targeted economic development strategies to alleviate rural poverty and stimulate more robust rural economies
Department of Agriculture – Washington, DC

Government – State and Local

Adam Grogg Work with deputy City Attorneys in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office
Yale Law School – New Haven, CT

Craig Konnoth Work on appellate cases addressing constitutional questions and major public-policy concerns in diverse areas of civil and criminal law
California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General – San Francisco, CA

Health Law

Rupali Sharma Use international, regional, and domestic law to help expand access to reproductive healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe
Center for Reproductive Rights – New York, NY

Housing Law

Romy Ganschow Protect low-income tenants' rights to safe and quality affordable housing
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United States Department of Housing and Urban Development – Washington, DC

Human Rights

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Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project – New York, NY

Stephanie Keene	Provide legal services to women and children who are victims of illegal property seizure <i>International Justice Mission - Kampala, Uganda</i>
Gabriela Rivera	Address racial profiling and other abuses of local police partnerships with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol <i>American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego – San Diego, CA</i>
Rupali Sharma	Use international, regional, and domestic law to help expand access to reproductive healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe <i>Center for Reproductive Rights – New York, NY</i>

Immigrants and Refugee Issues

Chesa Boudin	Work to improve the legal services offered to non-citizen clients <i>San Francisco Public Defender's Office – San Francisco, CA</i>
Estella Cisneros	Provide direct representation and help improve the health and safety of immigrant, low-wage dairy workers in the Central Valley of California <i>California Rural Legal Assistance -</i>
Becca Heller	Develop legal interventions for Iraqi refugee young women and girls who are being sexually trafficked <i>Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project – New York, NY</i>
Laura Huizar	Represent low-wage immigrant workers whose rights have been violated by unscrupulous employment agencies in the New York City area <i>LatinoJustice PRLDEF – New York, NY</i>
Dror Ladin	Protect the right of low-wage, immigrant workers to work <i>American Civil Liberties Union – New York, NY</i>
Kristin MacLeod-Ball	Help increase access to counsel in immigration hearings and improve standards of representation <i>Legal Action Center, American Immigration Council – Washington, DC</i>
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Edward Ramos	Work on project challenging the abuse of immigration "detainers" in southern Florida <i>Ira Kurzban of Kurzban Kurzban Weinger Tetzeli and Pratt P.A – Miami, FL</i>
Katherine Reisner	Develop scalable legal model to increase enforcement of service and benefit provisions provided to newly resettled Iraqi refugees <i>Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project – New York, NY</i>
Gabriela Rivera	Address racial profiling and other abuses of local police partnerships with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol <i>American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego – San Diego, CA</i>
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American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California – San Francisco, CA

International Law

Becca Heller Develop legal interventions for Iraqi refugee young women and girls who are being sexually trafficked
Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project – New York, NY

Shashank Kumar Clerk – International Arbitration and WTO law
International Court of Justice – The Hague, Netherlands

Rupali Sharma Use international, regional, and domestic law to help expand access to reproductive healthcare in Central and Eastern Europe
Center for Reproductive Rights – New York, NY

International Judicial Clerkships

Leah Bellshaw Clerk
Judge Theodor Meron, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia - The Hague, Netherlands

Colleen Gilg Clerk
International Criminal Tribunal – The Hague, Netherlands

Shashank Kumar Clerk – International Arbitration and WTO law.
International Court of Justice – The Hague, Netherlands

Josiah Pertz Clerk
European Court of Human Rights – The Hague, Netherlands

Women’s Rights

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Center for Reproductive Rights – New York, NY

Worker’s Rights/Organizing

Amanda Gutierrez Address the exploitation of migrant Bolivian workers in the Argentine textile industry
Center for Justice and International Law - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Laura Huizar

Represent low-wage immigrant workers whose rights have been violated by unscrupulous employment agencies in the New York City area
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