Note: To indicate your interest in any of the following projects, please sign up on CMS, under Events/CDO Programs (filter using ‘PIVO’ as the keyword). Sign-ups will be open immediately after the PIVO Info Session on January 23 and will close at Noon on Monday, January 30. If you have any questions, please contact kelley.schiffman@yale.edu, norma.dapolito@yale.edu, or juliann.davis@yale.edu. If you are interested in more than one project, please sign up for both on CMS, and send Kelley an email that ranks them in order of preference.

After sign-ups close, full project information (including contact names) will be provided to you. You should then contact your organization as soon as possible to get started.

PIVO projects are typically a 20 – 50 hour time commitment per semester (2-6 hours per week). If partners were very specific about the number of students and/or the number of hours needed, this information is included below. Some partners had more flexible hours or the hours were based per week versus per semester. This can be discussed in greater detail with Kelley or Norma D’Apolito. More importantly, once you are matched with a project, you and your supervising attorney will establish a time schedule that will work for both of you. Kelley and Norma are happy to help with this process.

Spring 2017 Project Summaries
As of 1/20/17

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Alaska
Racial Disparities in Criminal Justice
Students Needed: 4
Expected Time Commitment: 50 hours
Deadline: End of semester

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California
Effective Counsel for Indigent Immigrant Defendants
Students Needed: 1-2
Expected Time Commitment: 15+ hours
Deadline: March 10, 2017
Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF)
Animal Litigation Project
Students Needed: 2-3
Expected Time Commitment: 20+ hours
Deadline: End of semester

Amicus Brief on the “Rights of Nature”
Students Needed: 2-3
Expected Time Commitment: 20 hours
Deadline: Mid-February (subject to change)

Legislation Related to Antibiotic Resistant Infections
Students Needed: 2-4
Expected Time Commitment: 40-60 hours
Deadline: End of semester

Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants
Asylum Assistance for Central American Youth
Students Needed: 2
Expected Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per week
Deadline: End of semester

Center for Popular Democracy
Voting Rights and Redistricting Reforms
Students Needed: 1
Expected Time Commitment: 40-50 hours
Deadline: March-May 1, 2017

Coalition for Connecticut Family Court Reform
Unconstitutionality of Family Court Practices
Students Needed: Open-ended
Expected Time Commitment: 20-50 hours
Deadline: End of semester

Connecticut Freedom of Information Act
Students Needed: Open-ended
Expected Time Commitment: 20-50 hours
Deadline: End of semester

The Legal Aid Society
Attorney’s Fees Research Project
Students Needed: 1
Expected Time Commitment: 15-20 hours
Deadline: March 2017
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
*Reproductive Health in Iowa and Nebraska*
Students Needed: 1-2
**Expected Time Commitment:** 50 hours, maximum
**Deadline:** June 1 – July 1, 2017

Towards Justice
*Compensation for Low-wage Workers*
Students Needed: 1
**Expected Time Commitment:** 15 hours
**Deadline:** February 22, 2017

*Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Project*
Students Needed: 1
**Expected Time Commitment:** 15-20 hours
**Deadline:** May 2017

*Fair Labor Standards Act*
Students Needed: 1
**Expected Time Commitment:** 15-20 hours
**Deadline:** May 2017

Veterans Claim Appeal
*U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims*
Students Needed: 1-2
**Expected Time Commitment:** 30 hours
**Deadline:** April 15, 2017