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New York City

Public Service

Fellowships

at New York University

School of Law and

Columbia Law School



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What are the Fellowships?

The Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowships at New York University School of Law and Columbia Law School were established in 1995. Kirkland & Ellis LLP made a gift of \$1,000,000 to New York University School of Law and Columbia Law School to provide an outstanding student from each school year the opportunity for a year of post-graduate public service in New York City. For more information, visit the NYU and Columbia "Careers" pages at www.kirkland.com.

Who can be a Fellow?

Each year, one Fellow is selected from the graduating class of New York University School of Law and one from the graduating class of Columbia Law School. The Fellowships are intended to meet serious human needs in New York City; the Fellow and sponsoring organization must be based within the five boroughs of New York City and the Fellow's project must principally and directly benefit New York City residents. Fellows may create and fill a new position within an already-existing organization or pursue an independent project affiliated with a sponsoring organization. The Firm is committed to a broad and inclusive concept of public service.

Fellows are selected for their personal integrity and potential to make a contribution to the New York City community. Fellows will be selected without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, pregnancy or childbirth, personal appearance, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, source of income, place of residence, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, genetic information, marital status, military veteran status, unfavorable discharge from military service, physical or mental disability, or any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

Terms and Salary

The term of the Fellowship is one year. Fellows are funded annually at a salary of \$45,000.

Upon completion of the Fellowship year, Fellows will be asked to submit to Kirkland & Ellis LLP a brief letter summarizing what they accomplished during the preceding year, how the fellowship year has impacted their future plans, and their contact information at their next job.

Selection Process

The selection process consists of a written application and interview. The timetable is as follows:

- **Application Deadline**
January 16, 2018
- **Interviews Conducted**
February 2, 2018
Selection of Fellows will be announced that day
- **Fellows Commence Work**
September 2018

Recent Kirkland & Ellis Fellows

Emily Kenyon, from New York University School of Law, and **Elena Rodriguez**, from Columbia Law School, have been selected as Kirkland's 2017-18 New York Public Interest Fellows. Emily will work with the Pace-National Resources Defense Council Food Law Initiative at Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law to provide direct legal services to local farmers, start-up food businesses, and non-profit food justice organizations while advocating for food policy reform in New York City to increase access for low-income residents to affordable healthy food. Elena will be assisting Housing Works in providing essential legal services to low-income people living with AIDS at various legal proceedings that are essential for their survival including administrative fair hearings over public assistance benefits and holdover proceedings in housing courts.

Surbi Sarang of Columbia Law School and **Alicia Nieves** of New York University School of Law were selected as the 2016-17 Kirkland & Ellis fellows. Surbi is working with New York Lawyers for the Public Interest providing support for the Transform Don't Trash campaign, which strives to transform the commercial waste industry to create jobs, increase recycling, and improve conditions for sanitation workers. Alicia is working with JustFix.nyc to assist low-income New York City tenants with resolving issues with landlords and the housing courts.

Diane Johnston, from New York University School of Law, and **Madiba Dennie**, from Columbia Law School, were selected as the 2015-16 Kirkland & Ellis Fellows. Diane worked with the Legal Aid Society assisting domestic violence survivors, particularly in immigrant communities, to enforce their consumer rights and unwind the consequences of financial abuse. Madiba worked with Her Justice to better the lives of African-American women who suffer intimate partner violence through education, outreach, and direct representation of victims.

Other Former Fellows and Sponsoring Organizations

In addition to the recent Fellowships described elsewhere in this brochure, Fellows have worked on a wide variety of projects benefiting New York City's underprivileged and underserved during the nearly twenty years that the Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowships have been awarded. These efforts include:

Former New York University School of Law Fellows:

- Shlomit Cohen: Bronx Defenders
- Dahsong Kim: Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Jessica Rubin-Wills: Advocates for Children of New York
- Christine Chiu: African Services Committee
- Julia Dietz: Make the Road New York
- Melissa Banks: African Services Committee
- Jennifer Friedman: The Bronx Defenders
- Amanda Lockshin: The Legal Aid Society
- Zabrina Alequire: The Door's Legal Services Center
- Leora Bechor: Housing Works

Former Columbia Law School Fellows:

- Naz Ahmad: Creating Law Enforcement Accountability and Responsibility Project
- Sarah McCarthy: Children's Law Center
- Faiza Said: inMotion
- Kate Moore: The Bronx Defenders
- Shana Khader: New York Legal Assistance Group
- Kate Stinson: African Services Committee
- Anne Gell: Sanctuary for Families
- Elizabeth Howell: Center for Appellate Litigation
- Rachel Geballe: South Brooklyn Legal Services
- Kate Wagner-McCoy: The Bronx Defenders
- Franklin Romeo: Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund
- Valentina Maria Morales: Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem
- Naomi M. Abraham: Center for Family Representation

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP's New York office opened in 1990 with 12 attorneys. Since then, the office has grown to over 550 lawyers.

In 1995, in celebration of its five year anniversary in New York City, Kirkland & Ellis LLP decided to signal its commitment to the community by giving something back to the City. The Firm also wanted to create an alliance that would enhance its already strong relationships with New York University School of Law and Columbia Law School and encourage a spirit of cooperation between the schools themselves. The Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowships were the result of this vision.

To Apply

To receive an application, or for more information, please contact:

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