

**Students Dedicated to Public Interest Receive Scholarships**

By Jeff Oudsema

This spring seven DePaul University College of Law students received the prestigious Cudahy Summer Fellowship to help the students work in public interest law this summer.

The Cudahy Fellowship program is just one of several scholarships offered to DePaul students who seek to gain experience in the public sector by working in positions that do not offer compensation. The Cudahy Fellowship helps expand the services of understaffed public service organizations thereby ensuring more low-income clients will be able to receive access to legal representation.

The 2007 Cudahy Fellows are Justin Hansen, Crawfie Ward, Paul Temple, Mary Meixner, Kayleigh Van Poolen, Meredith Schmitt and Elizabeth Turillo. These seven students will each be working in different areas of public interest law in the Chicago.

Kayleigh Van Poolen will work at First Defense Legal Aid, an organization that protects civil rights by offering free 24-hour legal representation and advice to any individual taken into Chicago Police Department custody. The agency assists clients immediately after arrest until the time when a public defender has been

assigned by the court system.

“First Defense Legal Aid is a necessary support for those who cannot afford an attorney,” Van Poolen said. “Imagine being up against the Chicago Police Department without having a competent attorney working with you. Not everyone is interested in protecting constitutional rights, respecting those privileges or even acknowledging that all citizens, even guilty ones, are entitled to effective counsel.”

Justin Hansen will spend the summer working at



the Cook County Public Guardian’s office in the Domestic Relations Division. Hansen will assist the attorneys in the office by doing research and drafting, and helping with investigations. He will also work directly with clients by conducting client interviews and communicating with doctors and therapists.

Meredith Schmitt will also work at the Cook County Public Guardian’s office, but she will work in the Juvenile Division. Schmitt became interested in working in this position

through her previous experience working as a caseworker for a social services agency.

Elizabeth Turillo will spend the summer working at the Cook County Public Defender in the Juvenile Justice Division. Turillo ultimately would like to work at the juvenile public defender’s office when she graduates and she believes this scholarship will enable her to gain the experience she needs to begin her career.

“Before coming to law school, I worked primarily with high school-aged teenagers and I really enjoyed working with that age group,” said Turillo. “Working at the juvenile PD allows me to continue to work with teenagers and hopefully provide them with the proper services so they do not end up in the adult system later in life.”

Crawfie Ward will work at the Cook County Public Defender Office this summer. Ward is looking forward to gaining courtroom experience while providing legal representation to indigent clients. Ward hopes to work to ensure that local police officers act within the protections afforded to Americans under the Fourth Amendment.

Paul Temple will work with the Safer Foundation and the Public Interest Bureau at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office. At the Safer Founda-

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tion, Temple will work with policy and advocacy groups that help people reintegrate into their respective communities after prison. At the Public Interest Bureau, he will aid in the prosecution of predatory lenders. Temple learned about these positions through working in the Community Service Initiative.

Mary Meixner will spend the summer working at Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic (CGLA). CGLA works to provide accessible legal representation to low-income clients. Meixner is excited to work in the family law program because she will have the chance to represent families struggling with difficult issues.

Interested student may learn more information about these scholarship opportunities by contacting Shaye Loughlin, Assistant Director of the Center for Public Interest Law at [sloughli@depaul.edu](mailto:sloughli@depaul.edu).

# Students Take the Lead in Starting a DePaul Public Interest Journal

By Jennifer Keys

The College of Law's first public interest law journal, the Journal for Social Justice, will make its debut at the start of the next school year.

Four students, Alysia Franklin, Susan DeCostanza, Kayleigh Van Poolen and Jennifer Keys have worked hard to create the new journal. They believe it offers another example of the law school's commitment to public interest. The Center for Public Interest Law will publish the inaugural edition of the Journal for Social Justice in August, 2007.

The students have worked for nearly a year to develop a journal that advocates for social justice. Keys approached Professor Len Cavise last summer about the idea of starting a non-traditional public interest journal at DePaul and, with his enthusiastic support, the dream became a reality.

"The Journal represents a qualitative leap forward in public interest work at DePaul. It puts us in the very top echelon of law schools committed to a vibrant and cutting edge public service program," Cavise said. "Our students will reap the greatest profits from this publication, but we also hope that the public service community-at-large will use the journal as an alternative to the orthodox law journal."

The first issue of the journal will feature a variety of articles written by Chicago practitioners. The articles, which range in topic from how to curb police abuse to how to fight for much-needed social legislation to how to achieve social justice in 10 minutes a day, offer a unique forum for attorneys to share their experiences and call for change.

The editors have been amazed and proud that they were able to attract such talented attorneys to contribute to the inaugural edition and to bring to life the mission of the journal to demand social justice.

"The law becomes the framework



for exploring the issue, allowing the issue to take center stage," Van Poolen said. "The authors can question those in authority or authoritative constructs. To me this journal is a true forum for democracy and political discourse that is sorely missing in the law school environment."

The journal serves as a unique addition to the DePaul journal community because it will feature both practitioner articles and pieces by law professors, students and academics and professionals in other disciplines.

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"Legal writing has traditionally focused on documentation and substantive law and while that is still needed, there is also a need to advocate, to highlight the impact of decisions, policy and legislation as well as expose the struggle for social justice," Van Poolen added.

"The journal will also assist DePaul in achieving its institutional goals of being a leader in the public interest community, attracting public interest-minded students and preparing students to be socially responsible future leaders," DeCostanza said.

"The journal will continue to na-

tionalize DePaul and the Center for Public Interest Law, as we will publish authors from all over the country," she said. "The journal also offers another connection in the relationship between DePaul and the public interest community."

Franklin hopes the journal will allow students to publish articles that will not just look good on their resume, but will have a greater impact on society.

"It allows student writers to create solution-based legal advocacy work, finding practical solutions and strategies for dealing with real-life situations," she said. "Students will be able to use the legal theory of class and apply it to practical situations."

In addition to weekly meetings, the four editors of the journal also work individually with authors on writing and editing and meet with faculty and staff to build support and field submissions for the journal's second volume.

While using the traditional law review framework, the journal breaks outside the box by publishing shorter articles that allow practitioners, in particular, the freedom to write an important, real-world piece, in the midst of their hectic work schedules.

"Creating a forum for busy attorneys to write about the issues and challenges that they face every day is an invaluable asset to other practitioners, law students, law professors and hopefully to the authors themselves," DeCostanza said.

"We actively encourage articles that push the public interest and public service agenda to new and innovative levels," Cavise said.

Practitioners, academics and students interested in submitting an article for a future volume of the Journal for Social Justice can contact the editors. DePaul students interested in working for the journal, as well as DePaul faculty interested in serving on the peer review or faculty advisory boards also can contact the editors at [de-paulj4sj@gmail.com](mailto:de-paulj4sj@gmail.com) or (312) 362-8374.

# DePaul Alumna Profile: Kendra Reinshagen

By Jarrett Knox

For Kendra Reinshagen, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Bureau of Metropolitan Family Services (LAB), coming to the College of Law was merely the next logical step in her already active public interest career.

Reinshagen was born in Chicago but grew up in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She returned to Chicago and received her B.A. at Northeastern Illinois University in 1975, majoring in Pre-Law and Women's Studies through the "University Without Walls Program." This program allowed Reinshagen to design her own area of study, which was perfect for her as she already knew the direction that her life was taking.

Reinshagen began volunteering at the North Side Rape Crisis Line just before finishing up her undergraduate degree. The crisis line was forming a program to pressure local police to get charges filed for women trying to prosecute their attacker. Reinshagen volunteered in this new initiative and accompa-

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nied women to court for moral support and to advocate on their behalf with the prosecutors. She pitched this idea to Northeastern as the basis for her studies and they

accepted it.

Together with the Crisis Line, Reinshagen met with State's Attorney Bernard Carey and the Chicago Police Department to get them to improve their response to sexual assault cases and



pushed to get hearings at the Chicago City Council and in Springfield on sexual assault. The rising media interest helped in eventually pressuring the police department and the State's Attorney's office to form units to handle sex crimes, revise their training on sexual assault and ultimately form a Victim Witness Program, as well as a major revision of Illinois laws.

After these experiences, Reinshagen decided to choose DePaul College of Law because of its reputation for addressing issues of social justice and the predominance of public interest courses in its curriculum.

"The civil rights movement and women's movement inspired me to see the law as a way to make positive changes in society and DePaul seemed to support that ideal more than any other law school" said Reinshagen.

At DePaul, Reinshagen worked as a work-study student at the Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF). After LAF received money to start a domestic violence project,

Reinshagen spent the rest of her time at DePaul working with LAF's Legal Center for Battered Women. In addition to individual representation to obtain divorces, Reinshagen and the Center advocated for change within the criminal justice system and the chancery court, meeting with the police department administrators, the head of the CPD Training Academy, the State's Attorney's office and the Chief Judge of the Chancery Division.

"The Judge indicated that he did not want his division to have anything to do with the messy business of helping battered women, saying 'We deal with important issues here, like property,'" Reinshagen said. "It's nice to see now how much has changed thanks to the work of legal services attorneys at LAF and LAB."

Reinshagen continued to pursue her passions of feminist issues and domestic relations after graduation. From 1989 until 1999, Reinshagen worked as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Bureau, the last two years as a managing attorney. Today, Reinshagen serves as the Executive Director of LAB. In that capacity, she oversees the current programs, which include LAB's domestic violence team and elder law and poverty law projects. She has also created a partnership with DePaul's new Family Law Clinic, which allows students to work with an LAB attorney and help victims of domestic violence who appear pro se at the domestic violence courthouse.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Legal Aid Bureau, contact Pro Bono Coordinator Grace Lim at [limg@metrofamily.org](mailto:limg@metrofamily.org).

# Bill Aims to Provide Debt Relief for Prosecutors and Public Defenders

By Justin Hansen

Recently Illinois Senator Dick Durbin introduced federal legislation, the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Act of 2007 (Justice Act), to help prosecutors and public defenders with crushing law school debt. If passed, it would provide law graduates significant loan-repayment assistance – up to \$60,000 to be exact.

The Justice Act aims to “encourage qualified individuals to enter and continue employment as prosecutors and public defenders,” the text of the bill states. In short, the Bill proposes that individuals would contract with the Justice Department to work as a prosecutor or public defender for three years. In return, the Justice Department will award \$10,000 per year toward his or her student loans. After completing the first three-year agreement, the individual can re-contract for another three years and another \$30,000. Altogether, a person can receive up to \$60,000 in loan offsets.

State or local prosecutors and state, local or federal public defenders qualify for this program. Federal prosecutors already receive federal government assistance for loan relief. There are at least two simple reasons for this legislation: money and competition. Law students tend to carry an overwhelming amount of school debt. More than 80 percent of students borrow money to finance their law degree, Senator Durbin stated in a press release.

Law students graduating from private schools have, on average, \$78,000 in student loans, and those graduating from state schools have around \$51,000 in stu-

dent loans. Given that many also carry loans from undergraduate school, students end up with “mortgage-sized student loan debts,” according to Senator Durbin.

Attorneys working for the prosecutor or public defender often have to face down these debts with a lower salary than

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that of their peers working elsewhere. The median starting salary for a state prosecuting attorney is \$46,000, for a public defender it is \$43,000. Meanwhile, the average salary for a DePaul graduate working at a firm is at least \$70,000, according to Gil Lenz, a 2005 DePaul alumnus working at the Office of the State Appellate Defender in Chicago.

Lenz confirms that these numbers add up to a climate in which those who do

leave his office do so for financial reasons. Lenz is helping gather support for the bill and he says that the problem is more than just personal finances – it's also competition.

“We need to attract as many good lawyers as possible to criminal justice, on both sides,” he said. “I think we are on the cusp of a new wave of reforms in criminal law, and I hope and expect that this bill will allow more talented lawyers to help in this effort.”

Lenz said that the bill and its partner bill in the House are expected to pass. Lenz credits Illinois representatives with being “particularly important” in this effort. Not only did Senator Durbin introduce the bill in the Senate, Reps. Jan Schakowsky, Danny Davis, and Luis Gutierrez are co-sponsoring the bill in the House.

Lenz added that this bill addresses a national crisis because “it's in the nation's interest to improve the quality of our criminal justice system as much as possible, and recruitment and retention of quality attorneys is one of the best ways to do this.”

Lenz encourages students to voice their support for Senator Durbin's bill. Whether interested in public interest law or more generally interested in improving our criminal justice system, students should take a moment to write, email, or call their senators and representatives.

Find your senator or representative at <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>. For the text of the bill, go to: [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov) and search for Senate Bill 442.

## Five Full Tuition Scholarships for Incoming Students Committed to Public Interest Law work

By Rose Rivera

DePaul's support for public interest will very soon take a momentous step forward by offering full tuition scholarships to incoming students who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to public interest work.

“I am thrilled about these new scholarships. We are one of a small number of schools that have taken the step of offering a complete tuition break for students in public interest law. This puts the College of Law a step ahead in the public interest world as a training ground for public service,” said Professor Len Cavise, the Director of the Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL)

The first group of public interest scholars will be selected this coming year for admission in fall 2008. The Public Interest

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Honors Scholarships will be awarded to approximately 10 entering law students based upon commitment to public interest law,

undergraduate academic performance and leadership qualities.

“The scholarships are expected to be competitive,” said Michael Burns, Dean of Admissions. “To be considered for the scholarships, applicants will generally be expected to have a minimum LSAT score of 164 and a strong undergraduate academic record.”

The scholars also will likely work closely with the DePaul center or institute that best aligns with their interests, Burns added.

“In addition to the tuition break, students will receive a number of other

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By Susan DeCostanza

The Center for Public Interest Law welcomes Ashley Hoffar Corotis as the new Associate Director of Law Career Services and Public Interest Law.

Corotis has experience in both private practice and the not-for-profit sector. As an undergraduate, she studied Philosophy and English in the University Honors Program of Ohio State University. After college, she attended law school at DePaul, where she served as treasurer of the Public Interest Law Association (PILA) and also received a PILA scholarship.

As a law student, she also served as an intern with the Center for Analysis of Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems, an ADR research organization, and Designs for Change, a public education reform group.

Upon graduating law school in 2002, Ashley became an associate at a small firm practicing civil litigation and administrative law. Most recently, Corotis served as the Project Director for the Just the Beginning Foundation, a not-for profit organization dedicated to honoring and increasing the diversity of the legal profession. She administered a multi-faceted education program including curricula and outreach efforts designed to encourage and enable minority high school students to pursue legal educations and careers.

In November of 2005, Corotis began working in Law Career Services (LCS) as Assistant Director. In February of this year, she moved into the Associate Director position at LCS and has quickly re-integrated into the public interest commu-

nity at DePaul.

"I am thrilled to be a part of DePaul as an alumna and staff member," she said.

Corotis advises students who are entering their summer jobs, internships and volunteer positions to put their best effort into every project so that they can begin to build their reputations for doing good work right away.

"Get as much work experience as



you can within the confines of your position by volunteering for assignments (when it is appropriate)," Corotis said. "Anticipate what future employers will be looking for – volunteering for assignments can help supplement your skill set. Every writing project that you are assigned may be a future writing sample."

Corotis also recommends that students write their résumés as they go to ensure that they do not forget to note any of the skills that they sharpen over the sum-

mer.

"Take advantage of the fact that you do not have to study over the summer, and use any free time to network in the workplace and beyond," she said.

Corotis added that students should meet as many individuals as possible, within their organization and connected to their organization. Bar association events are not as frequent in the summer, but students should make themselves aware of activities in the public interest legal community and take advantage of the events that are offered.

The LCS office (960 O'Malley) also has numerous resources that are available to students as they begin summer employment. An individual appointment with Corotis or another career counselor is a valuable way to prepare for whatever next steps are ahead on any student's career path. If an issue comes up at work and students are unsure of how to handle it, LCS is open all summer.

In addition to the inter-personal resources offered by LCS, there is also a library of books, pamphlets and job resources relating to public interest law. Through LCS, DePaul students have the opportunity to sign up for free membership at PSLawNet ([www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org)), a national public interest online job resource. Don't forget to watch for job openings and LCS programming that you may be interested in on the LCS website ([www.law.depaul.edu/jobs](http://www.law.depaul.edu/jobs)). Corotis encourages students to come into LCS to find out about all the other resources that they have not tapped into yet.

### **Five Full Scholarships Continued:**

benefits, potentially including the option of a paid summer internship in public interest law or participation in a study abroad program related to international human rights law, faculty and alumni mentors to provide advice and career guidance, and participation in special seminars that will expose scholars to critical issues in social justice," Burns said.

Burns credits the dedication, efforts, and interest of Dean Glen Weissenberger, Professor Len Cavise and Daniel Rothenberg of the International Human Rights Law Institute for the new scholarship program.

"Dean Weissenberger liked the proposal and approved it on the spot," Burns said. "The idea of the program is that, without incurring substantial law school debt, these graduates will have the freedom to pursue careers in law that will advance social justice. This is very much a collaboration of a number of the law school centers and institutes."

While the program was not established for the purpose of boosting DePaul's rankings, Burns is hopeful that that the program will enhance DePaul's growing national reputation.

"We expect to recruit some of the best, brightest and most committed students from around the nation," he said. "We would expect that these students will continue in the tradition of other DePaul alumni by going out into the world and making a difference."

# Public Interest Law Courses for Fall 2007

By Scott Stambach

DePaul is offering a variety of interesting public interest courses and clinics in the 2007 fall semester. The following is a list of the courses. Any of the courses or clinics from this list can be used towards the Public Interest Certificate. For more information on what courses are required for the certificate, please visit: [http://www.law.depaul.edu/institutes\\_centers/public\\_interest/certificate.asp](http://www.law.depaul.edu/institutes_centers/public_interest/certificate.asp).

## COURSES

### Consumer Protection

**Who:** Professor Wayne Lewis

**When:** M W (10:30 – 11:45 a.m.)

**What:** The Consumer Protection class will look at transactions that consumers enter into from the perspective of the consumer and discuss the various laws and statutes intended to protect the consumer's interests. It begins with a discussion of deceit, misrepresentation and federal and state statutes preventing deceptive advertising and unfair marketing practices (like bait and switch). It looks then at laws that ensure consumers get meaningful disclosures about credit choices, that they are not discriminated against in getting credit, and that there is fair credit information about them in the marketplace.

### Feminist Jurisprudence

**Who:** Professor Morrison Torrey

**When:** M W (1 – 2:15p.m.)

**What:** While this course changes from year to year, in the fall of 2007 it will focus on two feminist legal theories (liberal and dominance) and their applications in various contexts, particularly violence against women. Texts include "Feminism Unmodified" by Catharine MacKinnon; "Saving Bernice: Battered Women, Welfare and Poverty" and "Listening to Olivia: Violence, Poverty and Prostitution," both by Jody Raphael; numerous other materials will be provided.

### Labor Law

**Who:** Professor Morrison Torrey

**When:** M W (2:30 -3:45 p.m.)

**What:** This course examines the common law and federal statutes applicable to private sector labor-management relations

with an emphasis on organizational matters and collective bargaining. The course addresses statutory interpretation, policy concerns, practical strategies for both labor and management, social issues and values, ethical issues, advocacy skills, administrative law, critical analysis of decisions, remedies and the relationship of federal labor law to other laws.

### Labor Relations in the Public Sector

**Who:** Jennifer Niemiec

**When:** W (5:50 – 8:30 p.m.)

**What:** This class focuses on public sector employment, with particular emphasis on collective bargaining and labor relations. It begins with a brief overview of the history of public sector collective bargaining and the general differences between the private and public sectors. It also addresses the various constitutional issues that arise, as well as the diverse legal framework that has developed to shape, public sector employment, including civil service, teacher tenure and collective bargaining statutes.

### International Protection of Human Rights

**Who:** Professor Alberto Coll

**When:** M W (9 – 10:15 a.m.)

**What:** This is a course designed to acquaint students with the basics of international human rights law and some of the institutions through which human rights are developed and implemented. Actual cases from different parts of the world covering the whole gamut of human rights are used. The course is geared toward both scholars and the activists who want to acquire the tools with which to promote and defend human rights both around the world and here at home.

### Poverty Law

**Who:** Miriam Hallbauer  
(mhallbau@lafchicago.org)

**When:** Tu (5:50 – 8:30 p.m.)

**What:** This course is a survey of all government benefit programs: food stamps, Medicaid, social security benefits, work support programs, unemployment and impact litigation. It is an absolute must for anyone considering working in a civil public service agency or any practitioner who may specialize in the fee-generating aspects of benefit programs. The methodology is interdisciplinary, including substantial non-legal read-

ing, but focuses on direct advocacy and practice issues.

## CLINICS

### Criminal Appeals Clinic

**Who:** Michael Bennett

**When:** Th (5:50 – 7:20 p.m.)

**What:** The Criminal Appeals Clinic is a three-credit, one semester course which gives students the chance to work on a real case. Students work on an individual case under the supervision of adjunct professors from the State Appellate Defender. Every student researches the issues, communicates with his or her client, and files a brief with the Appellate Court. There are also weekly classroom sessions, where students are taught skills that are necessary for criminal appeals.

### Death Penalty Clinic

**Who:** Professor Andrea Lyon

**When:** W (4 – 5:30 p.m.)

**What:** This is a yearlong clinic where students study the complexities of the death penalty. They work on trial and post-conviction capital cases and examine the impact of capital punishment on society. The clinic has an active practice because professors represent clients in several capital cases. Students get to work on discrete aspects of the cases, including locating and interviewing witnesses, uncovering legal records, and writing motions.

### Asylum/Immigration Clinic

**Who:** Professor Sioban Albiol

**When:** Tu (4 – 5:30 p.m.)

**What:** DePaul's Asylum/Immigration Clinic features two educational components: asylum training and representation and a technical legal assistance program. Through the technical legal assistance component, students collaborate with community-based immigration service organizations in the Chicago metropolitan area to address legal concerns. Through the asylum component, they represent asylum applicants before the Asylum Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service or in hearings before immigration judges.

# Center Hosts Campus Public Interest Events

By Allegra Cira, Sarah Gelsomino, and Paul Temple

During the spring semester, the Center for Public Interest Law sponsored a number of fantastic public interest speaking events on campus. Lunchtime events included career-oriented panels and issue-oriented presentations and discussions.

Issue discussions included:

## Chicago Elections

A former alderman turned political science professor and a journalist discussed the local aldermanic and mayoral race, stressing the significant historical and racial factors unique to Chicago politics.

Presenters: Prof. Dick Simpson, University of Illinois at Chicago; Steve Edwards, host of Chicago Public Radio's Eight Forty-Eight (pictured)

## Salah Trial Follow-up

Two attorneys and the defendant's wife discussed the war on terrorism, subsequent United States' prosecutions, as well as Mr. Salah's successful defense in his recent trial.

Presenters: Matt Piers, of Hughes, Socol, Piers, Resnick, Dym Ltd.; Maryam Salah, wife of Mr. Salah and a community activist; Michael Deutsch, People's Law Office

## Homelessness in Chicago

A formerly-homeless DePaul alumna, a public interest attorney, and a homeless services advocate presented the main issues affecting the Chicago area's homeless population, as well as potential solutions to the issue.

Presenters: Rene Heybach, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless; Lynda Schueler, West Suburban Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS); Karen Swedberg, DePaul Alumna & housing advocate.

## Cuba After Castro

DePaul's own experts on Cuba addressed the issues facing Cuba today, at the end of Fidel Castro's nearly 50 year long regime.

Presenters: Alberto Coll, President, International Human Rights Law Institute and DePaul Law professor; Felix Masud-Piloto, DePaul Professor of History and Director, DePaul University Center for Latino Research.

## Guantanamo Detainees

Attorney, activist and author discussed the struggle of Guantanamo detainees, the international human rights abuses occurring at Guantanamo, and their implications for the United States Government and the rule of law.

Presenter: Joe Margulies, lead attorney in *Rasul v. Bush* and author of *Guantanamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power*.



## Migrant Farmworkers

A community organizer from Florida spoke about the conditions facing migrant tomato pickers, and the successes of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in obtaining increased wages for farmworkers.

Presenter: Marc Rodrigues, Student/Farmworker Alliance & Coalition of Immokalee Workers

## Human Rights in Haiti

Internationally-recognized human rights prosecutor and activist for restoring democracy in Haiti recounted his experiences working for justice in Haiti and advocating for Haitian debt relief.

Presenter: Brian Concannon, Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti

Career panels included:

## Civil Legal Services

Public interest attorneys from local legal services and advocacy organizations spoke about their work, their organizations, and how law students and new attorneys can get involved.

Participants: Ed Grossman, Chicago Legal Clinic; Katherine Walz, Sargent Shriver Na-

tional Center on Poverty Law; Claudia Valenzuela, National Immigrant Justice Center

## Public Defender Panel

Four Cook County Public Defenders discussed their day-to-day work, the criminal justice system and how they gained positions in the Office.

Participants: Public Defenders Erika Reddick, Julie Harmon, David Willz, Jen Gill

## Pro Bono: Doing Good While Doing Well

Pro bono attorneys and firm pro bono directors explained the current public interest efforts of their Chicago firms, national pro bono trends, and how pro bono interest and experience affects firm recruiting.

Participants: Jonathan Baum, Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP; Louis DiSanto, Wildman Harrold; Gregory McConnell, Winston & Strawn, LLP

## Affording a Career in Public Interest Law

Local Access Group discussed how to responsibly handle law school debt on a public interest salary.

Presenter: Jeff Hansen, Access Group.

## Judicial Clerkships

Current and former judicial clerks, all DePaul alumni and professors, shared their insight on the clerkship application process, a typical day in the life of a clerk and the benefits of working as a clerk after law school.

Participants: Karyn Bass Ehler, ('05) current clerk to Matthew Kennelly, Northern District of Illinois & former clerk to Justice William Bauer, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Jessica Covell, ('06) current clerk to Judge James Byron Moran, Northern District of Illinois; Andrew Gold, DePaul Law professor, former clerk to Chief Judge Loren Smith, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and Judge Daniel Manion, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Jody Marcucci, DePaul Law grad, current clerk to Justice Garcia, Illinois Appellate Court, 1<sup>st</sup> District, and former clerk to Justice Erickson, Illinois Appellate Court, 1<sup>st</sup> District.

## Public Interest Mondays

In addition, CPIL, CSVP and PILA hosted "Public Interest Mondays," a series of social justice documentaries during the lunch hour.

## Calendar of Events

Final Exam period.....	May 4-18
Commencement.....	May 20
Chiapas Practicum trip.....	May 21-31
1L Orientation.....	Aug. 23-24
Fall classes begin.....	Aug. 25
Vincentian Conference.....	Sept. 20

### DONATIONS

**Please consider donating to the Center for Public Interest Law.** Checks can be made payable to DePaul University College of Law, and please indicate on the check that your donation should go toward CPIL. Checks can be mailed to the attention of Shaye Loughlin, 25 E. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois 60604-2219. Thank you for your continued support!

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