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:**
- 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 Alequre: The Door’s Legal Services Center
- Leora Bechor: Housing Works

**Former Columbia Law School Fellows:**
- 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
- Anna 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 450 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:

**New York University School of Law**
Public Interest Law Center
245 Sullivan Street, Room 430
New York, New York 10012, (212) 998-6686

**Columbia Law School**
Social Justice Initiatives
410 West 116th Street, Box B-26
New York, New York 10027, (212) 854-8360

**Kirkland & Ellis LLP**
David S. Flugman
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601 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022, (212) 446-4800
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 postgraduate 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 17, 2017

- **Interviews Conducted**
  February 3, 2017

Selection of Fellows will be announced that day

- **Fellows Commence Work**
  September 2017

Recent Kirkland & Ellis Fellows

**Surbi Srang** 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.

**Naz Ahmad** of Columbia Law School and **Shlomit Cohen** of New York University School of Law were selected as the 2014-15 Kirkland & Ellis Fellows. Naz worked with the Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility Project to investigate and defend against improper surveillance and racial profiling of Muslim communities. Shlomit worked with the Bronx Defenders representing parents with mental disabilities in abuse, neglect, and termination of parental rights proceedings in Bronx Family Court.
2017-2018 FELLOWSHIP YEAR APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowships are awarded yearly to one New York University School of Law graduate and one Columbia Law School graduate to pursue public service work for one year in the City of New York. Fellows are selected for their personal integrity and their potential to make a positive contribution to the New York City community.

Attached are the materials necessary to complete a Fellowship application. All application materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Finalists will be notified in late January and interviews will be conducted on February 3, 2017. Fellows will be announced that same day.

A completed application consists of one original copy of each of the following items:

- Fellowship Application
- Official Law School Transcript
- Résumé
- Two Letters of Recommendation from any of:
  - Law School Advisor,
  - Law School Professor, or
  - Former Employer
- Materials from Potential Sponsoring Institution:
  - Commitment Letter
  - 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status Qualifying Letter
  - Sponsorship Letter

All application materials must be submitted by the applicant to the public interest program at his or her law school:

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Applicant Name

Address

Telephone No.

Law School  Date of Graduation

Advanced Degree

School

Year  Course of Study

Undergraduate Degree

School

Year  Major/Concentration  Honors

Sponsoring Organization

Name

Address

Telephone No.  Type of Work

Name/Title of Person to Contact

Previous Employment
(Inclued public service and other employment, both paid and volunteer. Please list all positions held in the last five years.)

1.

Employer

Address

Position  Dates

Contact Person  Telephone No.
To: 
(Name of organization willing to sponsor)

Re: 
(Name of Fellowship applicant)

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor the above-named applicant for a Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowship. In order for the Selection Committee to fully understand and appreciate the goals of the applicant and his or her proposed project for the Fellowship year, we require a Letter of Commitment from your organization (no more than 500 words).

The Letter of Commitment must

• Discuss why the addition of this particular applicant and project to your organization would be beneficial to your work in the New York City community.

• Describe the supervision and training that you would provide the Fellow.

• Provide (in the letter or in supplemental materials) information regarding the history and current programs of your organization.

In addition to the above, please provide a copy of the 501(c)(3) determination letter granting your organization tax-exempt status.

Thank you.
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP

To: ___________________________________________________________

(Name of organization willing to sponsor)

Re: ___________________________________________________________

(Name of Fellowship applicant)

Thank you for agreeing to sponsor this applicant for a Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowship. The Fellowships are awarded each year to one New York University School of Law graduate and one Columbia Law School graduate to pursue a year of public service work to benefit the City of New York.

To sponsor an applicant, an employer must be a 501(c)(3) organization.
If this applicant becomes a Fellow, the conditions of employment will be as follows:

• A grant of $45,000 will be made to your organization, which you are to disburse as salary to the Fellow over the duration of the Fellowship.

• You will provide the Fellow’s health insurance and the same benefits package that is offered to other lawyers or professionals at your organization with the same seniority or status as the Fellow.

Signature of this letter indicates understanding of and agreement to these terms.

Employer’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
## Previous Employment Continued

2. **Employer**
   
   **Address**
   
   **Position**  **Dates**
   
   **Contact Person**  **Telephone No.**

3. **Employer**
   
   **Address**
   
   **Position**  **Dates**
   
   **Contact Person**  **Telephone No.**

4. **Employer**
   
   **Address**
   
   **Position**  **Dates**
   
   **Contact Person**  **Telephone No.**

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## Names of the Two References Who Will Be Providing Letters of Recommendation

1. **Name**
   
   **Affiliation/Address**
   
   **Position**  **Telephone No.**

2. **Name**
   
   **Affiliation/Address**
   
   **Position**  **Telephone No.**
PERSONAL ESSAYS

1. State briefly the proposed goals of the public service project you wish to pursue as a Kirkland & Ellis Fellow. Please include in this statement a discussion of the short-term and long-term goals for your project, including the reasons for selecting your sponsoring organization. Explain how you have the background, skills, experience, and personal characteristics necessary to carry out the project effectively. (600 words)

2. Discuss what persons, experiences, or events have influenced and inspired your commitment to public service. (300 words)

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in the above application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements on this application shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of receipt of a Fellowship.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Non-Discrimination Policy
The Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowships Program is committed to a policy against discrimination based on 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.