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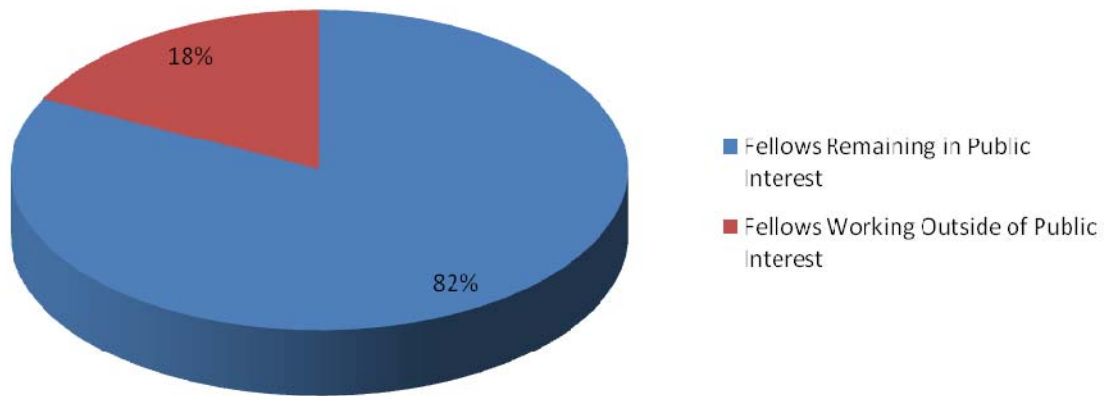
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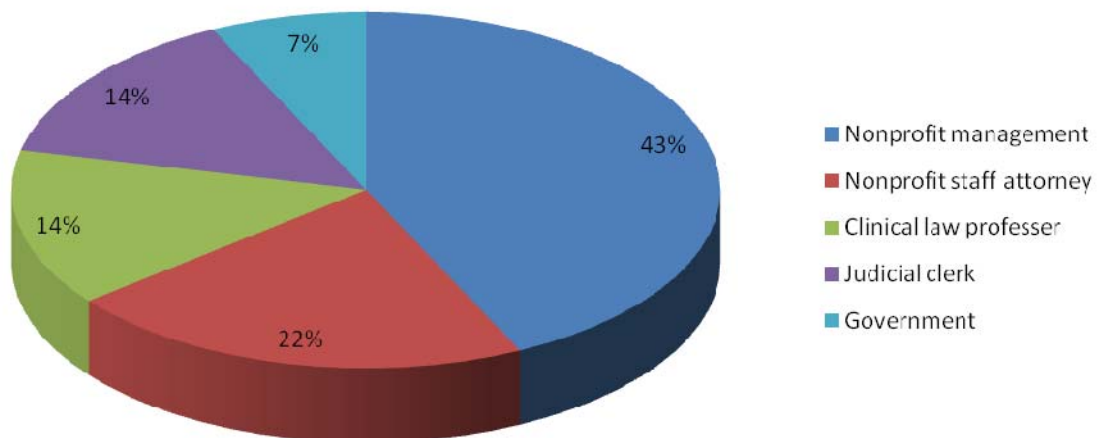
***Equal Justice Works and Bingham McCutchen celebrate 17 years of partnership.***

Equal Justice Works would like to thank Bingham McCutchen LLP for the tremendous contributions the firm has made to America's largest legal post-graduate fellowship program. Bingham McCutchen LLP is **one of the top supporters of Equal Justice Works Fellowships**. Since 1995, Bingham McCutchen LLP has **invested over \$1.34 million to fund 21 two-year fellowships**. These Fellows have delivered critically-needed legal services at **20 nonprofit host organizations**, working on **12 issue areas** ranging from education to Native American rights. Among Bingham McCutchen LLP previous Fellows, **82% remain in public interest today**, working in the nonprofit sector, for the government, and as clinical law professors. This compendium demonstrates the impact that Bingham McCutchen LLP has had in **launching the public interest careers of 21 young attorneys**. Equal Justice Works thanks Bingham McCutchen LLP for this outstanding commitment to **helping ensure equal access to the justice system for society's most vulnerable individuals and communities**.

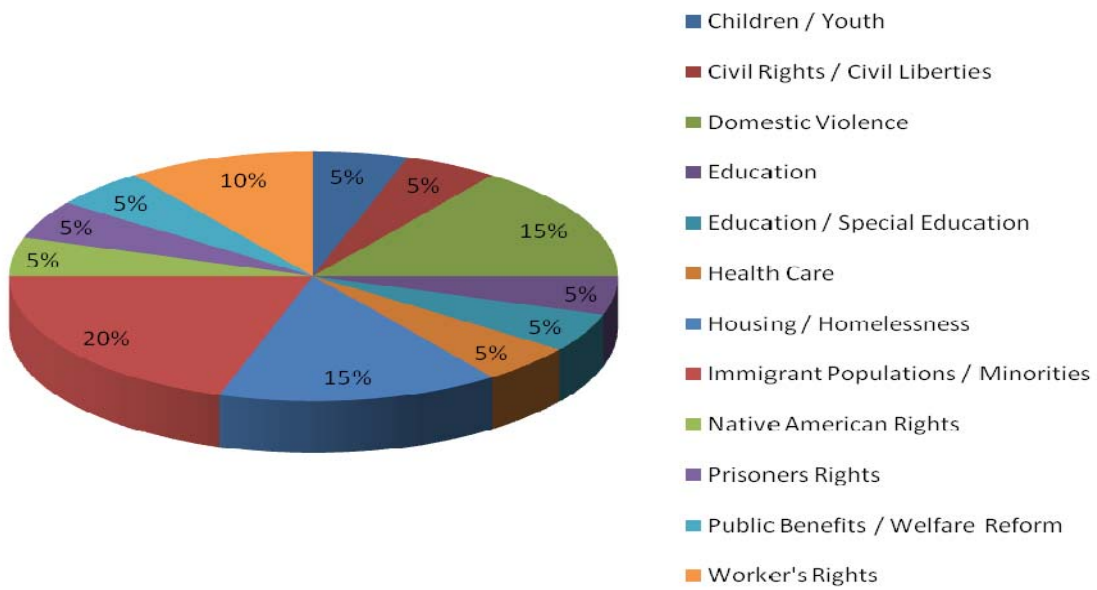
## Bingham McCutchen LLP Fellows Remaining in the Public Interest Field



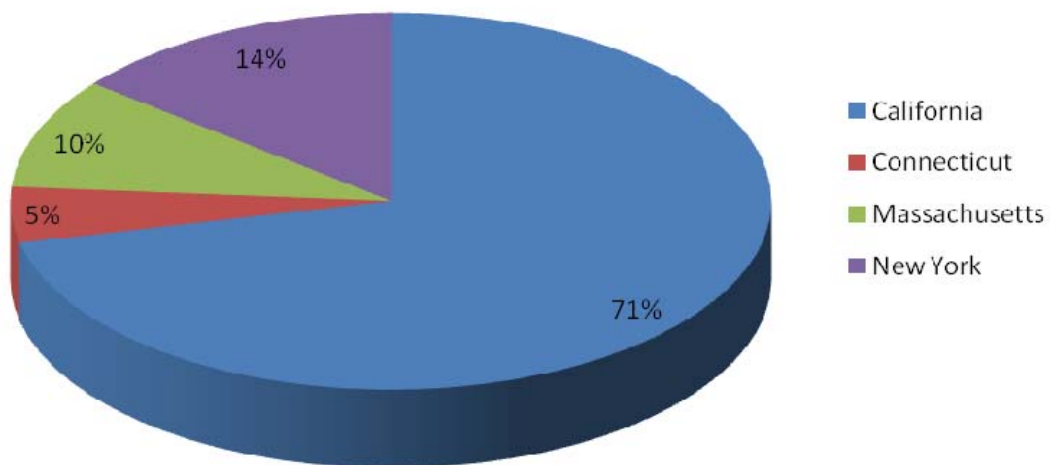
## Career Breakdown for Fellows Working in Public Interest



## Bingham McCutchen LLP Fellows by Issue Area



## Bingham McCutchen LLP Fellows by State



## Words of thanks from Bingham McCutchen LLP's former Fellows...

*"It is with the deepest gratitude that I recognize the pivotal role that Bingham McCutchen played in helping launch my career in public interest law. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me in the early years of my career. Your fellowship launched my twenty years of work to help build a more just and equal world. You went above and beyond the fellowship by partnering with me on litigation and supporting my professional development in a myriad of ways. Your service to the community is changing both the lives of the young lawyers you sponsor and the thousands of people we serve."*

**Judith Appel**, Class of 1995, Executive Director of Our Family Coalition

*"Thank you. I owe Bingham McCutchen and Equal Justice Works my career."*

**Robin Runge**, Class of 1997, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of North Dakota School of Law

*"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Bingham McCutchen for its ongoing, long-term investment in the Equal Justice Works fellowship program. Bingham McCutchen's legacy of support for Equal Justice Works Fellows and their projects has been invaluable not only to the people and community organizations served, but to Fellows like me looking to embark on public interest legal careers... Simply put, my career as a welfare lawyer would not have been possible without Bingham McCutchen's early support."*

**Julia Greenfield**, Class of 1999, Staff Attorney at Disability Rights Oregon

*"I would like to sincerely thank Bingham McCutchen LLP for sponsoring me in my Equal Justice Works fellowship ...I was able to bring all of my experiences from my fellowship to my work representing the Department of Public Social Services, to ensure that the rights of American Indian children and families were being protected."*

**Sunshine Sykes**, Class of 2001, Deputy County Counsel for Riverside County, CA

*"Bingham was a great Equal Justice Works sponsor. They supported me and my work not just financially, but with hundreds of pro bono hours from firm associates and partners...I think so fondly of Bingham that my enthusiasm in meeting Bingham lawyers is occasionally overwhelming to the attorney in question!"*

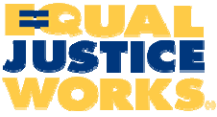
**Elisa Della-Piana**, Class of 2004, Director of the Neighborhood Justice Clinic at the East Bay Community Law Center

*"My experience as a fellow at the ACLU of Southern California was beyond my wildest expectations. Not only did I learn invaluable legal skills that will help me to become an even more effective social justice advocate in the future, but I was also able to help bring cutting edge litigation that is paving the way to the right to counsel for detained immigrants with mental disabilities. The clients and attorneys with whom I have worked have left an indelible mark on my life, and I have Bingham McCutchen to thank."*

**Jennifer Stark**, Class of 2009, Law Clerk to the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

*"[I am] grateful to Bingham McCutchen for their generosity in sponsoring my fellowship at the ACLU of Massachusetts from 2006-2008. Today, I continue to represent pro bono clients that I retained during my Fellowship."*

**Anjali Waikar**, Class of 2006, Litigation Associate at Krokidas & Bluestein



**Judith K. Appel**

**Year:** 1995

**Host organization:** Coalition on Homelessness

**City/State:** San Francisco, CA

**Issue Area:** Housing/Homelessness

**Project Description:** Advocacy work focused on litigation, legislative reform, and a public awareness campaign to change the city's policies toward homeless populations in San Francisco.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Appel is currently the Executive Director of Our Family Coalition in San Francisco, a nonprofit organization that promotes the equality and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer families with children. Her organization fosters community leadership in advocacy efforts that promote social justice. Prior to her work at Our Family Coalition, Ms. Appel worked for over 20 years for nonprofits nationally and internationally on a variety of different issues and has extensive experience working on educational equity and inclusion.\*

**Robin Runge**

**Year:** 1997

**Host organization:** Legal Aid Society of San Francisco

**City/State:** San Francisco, CA

**Issue Area:** Domestic Violence

**Project Description:** Protect domestic violence survivors from losing their wages, jobs or access to unemployment insurance as a result of the violence.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Runge is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of North Dakota School of Law, where she teaches in the Employment and Housing Law Clinic and Domestic Violence Law. Ms. Runge is an internationally recognized expert on the legal response to domestic violence, and is regularly invited to travel to consult with lawyers, judges, and non-governmental entities on improving the legal response to violence against women.

### **Sally Kinoshita**

**Year:** 1998

**Host organization:** Asian Law Caucus

**City/State:** San Francisco, CA

**Issue Area:** Public Benefits/Welfare Reform

**Project Description:** Ensure public benefits and other resources for rural California's Hmong community.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Kinoshita is currently the Deputy Director of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center ("ILRC") in San Francisco. The mission of ILRC is to work with and educate immigrants, community organizations, and the legal sector to continue to build a democratic society that values diversity and the rights of all people. Ms. Kinoshita is an expert on immigration relief for abused immigrant women and children under Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and the Violence Against Women Act.

### **Julia Greenfield**

**Year:** 1999

**Host organization:** Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

**City/State:** San Francisco, CA

**Issue Area:** Worker's rights

**Project Description:** Integrate legal support and advocacy components into an existing grassroots campaign aimed at winning recognition and enforcement of the basic employment rights of San Francisco workfare workers.

**Where is she now?** Following her Equal Justice Works fellowship, Ms. Greenfield relocated to her hometown of Portland, OR. She worked for five years as a public benefits staff attorney for Legal Aid Services of Oregon. Ms. Greenfield then joined Disability Rights Oregon ("DRO") in Portland, where she has been a staff attorney since 2006. DRO is an independent, private non-profit organization that is charged by federal regulations to act as the protection and advocacy system for people with developmental, mental and physical disabilities in Oregon. Ms. Greenfield represents Oregonians with disabilities to ensure full access to Medicaid and other public benefit programs providing needed medical, residential, and employment services. Ms. Greenfield provides analysis of and develops responses to proposed regulations, legislation, and policies affecting people with disabilities. She also provides consultation, technical assistance, and training to program staff, consumer/client groups, and community organizations.

**Cassandra Shaylor**

**Year:** 2000

**Host organization:** Justice Now

**City/State:** Oakland, CA

**Issue Area:** Prisoners Rights

**Project Description:** Provide direct legal services and education to the vastly under-served population of women prisoners in California by developing an innovative alliance of women prisoners, students, lawyers and community organizers.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Shaylor is an attorney and activist based in Oakland, CA. She is the co-founder of Justice Now, an abolitionist organization and training center focused on people in California women’s prisons. Her academic work focuses on issues of women in prison, abolition, and the intersection of race, sexuality and gender in the prison industrial complex. Prior to co-founding Justice Now, Ms. Shaylor was a staff attorney at Legal Service for Prisoners with Children. Over the years she has been active with numerous anti-prison organizations, including co-founding Critical Resistance and organizing with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners.\*

**Sunshine Sykes**

**Year:** 2001

**Host organization:** California Indian Legal Services

**City/State:** Oakland, CA

**Issue Area:** Native American Rights

**Project Description:** Provide culturally-appropriate legal assistance and support to victims of domestic violence in rural northern California.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Sykes has served as Deputy County Counsel for Riverside County, CA since 2005. Since October 2011, she has been assigned to general civil litigation and risk management cases. Prior to her new assignment she worked as a trial attorney representing the Department of Social Services in juvenile dependency matters involving the abuse and/or neglect of children. As a dependency attorney she developed an expertise in the Indian Child Welfare Act which protects the rights of American Indian children, families, and tribes by ensuring Indian children are not removed from their homes due to cultural bias and if removal is warranted that Indian children are placed as a priority in Indian homes. Prior to working at the County Counsel's office, Ms. Sykes worked on the Riverside County Juvenile Defense Panel representing parents and children in Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency hearings.



**Roxanne (Alejandre) Hoegger**

**Year:** 2002

**Host organization:** Bay Area Legal Aid

**City/State:** Oakland, CA

**Issue Area:** Domestic Violence

**Project Description:** Empower teen domestic violence victims through comprehensive legal intervention and education services to end abuse in their intimate relationships.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Hoegger is a Partner at Auer & Hoegger LLP in San Francisco. Her practice is exclusively devoted to family law and she is a Certified Family Law Specialist with the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization. Ms. Hoegger was selected to Northern California Rising Stars 2009 and 2010 by *Super Lawyers* magazine. She is a member of the Family Law Sections of the State Bar of California and the Bar Associations of San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Ms. Hoegger is also a member of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

**Jaimee Arnone Modica**

**Year:** 2003

**Host organization:** East Bay Community Law Center

**City/State:** Berkeley, CA

**Issue Area:** Housing/Homelessness

**Project Description:** Represent, collaborate and work with low-income tenants to improve laws to rehabilitate substandard housing in Alameda County.

**Where is she now?** After the completion of her fellowship, Ms. Arnone Modica remained at East Bay Community Law Center, where she is currently a Staff Attorney & Clinical Instructor for Housing Practices.\*

**Elisa Della-Piana**

**Year:** 2004

**Host organization:** Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

**City/State:** San Francisco, CA

**Issue Area:** Housing/Homelessness

**Project Description:** Provide legal advocacy, public education and policy advocacy to protect the human and civil rights of homeless persons.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Della-Piana is currently the Director of the Neighborhood Justice Clinic at the East Bay Community Law Center ("EBCLC") in Berkeley, CA. Ms. Della-Piana supervises the General Legal Clinic, the Consumer Law Clinic and EBCLC's homeless rights program.

**Lucy Eagling**

**Year:** 2005

**Host organization:** Advocates for Children of New York, Inc.

**City/State:** New York, NY

**Issue Area:** Education

**Project Description:** Combat the barriers that prevent children with language-based learning disabilities from receiving an adequate education.

**Where is she now?** After her fellowship, Ms. Eagling continued to work as a staff attorney at Advocates for Children. She is currently a law clerk at the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York in New York City.\*

**Rachael Knight**

**Year:** 2005

**Host organization:** Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County

**City/State:** San Mateo, CA

**Issue Area:** Health Care

**Project Description:** Provide proactive legal advocacy to improve the health and welfare of low-income children through medical-legal collaboration.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Knight is the Program Director for the Community Land Protection Program at Namati, a nonprofit organization in Berkeley, CA. Ms. Knight has expertise in the areas of land tenure security, access to justice, and legal empowerment of the poor. She recently completed a book for the Food and Agriculture Organization (“FAO”) of the United Nations entitled *Statutory Recognition of Customary Land Rights in Africa* and served as a consultant at FAO from 2004 until 2009. She previously served as Director of the International Development Law Organization’s (“IDLO”) *Community Land Titling Initiative*, working to document and protect the customary land rights of indigenous groups in Uganda, Liberia and Mozambique. Ms. Knight also founded and managed medical-legal partnership programs in Northern California that located legal services in primary care medical clinics to increase access to justice for low-income urban communities.

**Anjali Waikar**

**Year:** 2006

**Host organization:** American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts

**City/State:** Boston, MA

**Issue Area:** Immigrant Populations/Minorities

**Project Description:** Address the effect and patterns of racial profiling used by local and federal law enforcement, placing post-9/11 profiling within a human rights framework.

**Where is she now?** Since completing her fellowship in 2008, Ms. Waikar has been a litigation associate at the Boston law firm of Krokidas & Bluestein (“K&B”). At K&B, Ms. Waikar represents primarily non-profits, charter schools, and health care and social service organizations, on a wide range of issues including employment, privacy, civil rights and health care law. She also counsels charter schools in connection with education law matters, including school discipline and special education. Ms. Waikar feels incredibly fortunate to be able to continue devoting her career to social justice issues while working in the private sector.

**Sharon Balmer**

**Year:** 2007

**Host organization:** Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

**City/State:** Los Angeles, CA

**Issue Area:** Children/Youth

**Project Description:** Provide legal guidance and support to youth who are emancipating from the Los Angeles County foster care system to ensure that they receive the services they need to learn to live independently.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Balmer is currently working at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice running the Teen/LA Project. She represents young parents on family law issues, including restraining orders, child custody, child support, paternity, and emancipation, and supervises a social work intern who provides intensive case management services.

**Eunice C. Lee**

**Year:** 2007

**Host organization:** ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project

**City/State:** New York, NY

**Issue Area:** Immigrant Populations/Minorities

**Project Description:** Provide direct representation and engage in impact litigation to improve the quality of education for immigrant students in the New York City Public School System.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Lee is currently the Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching and Advocacy Fellow at Harvard Law School's Immigration and Refugee Clinic. She also serves on the Board of Directors for The Refugee Reunification Project, a component fund of the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, Inc. \*

**Linnea Forsythe**

**Year:** 2008

**Host organization:** Bay Area Legal Aid

**City/State:** Oakland, CA

**Issue Area:** Domestic Violence

**Project Description:** Increase access for domestic violence survivors to legal and social services through a new and innovative interdisciplinary model of service provision.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Forsythe is currently living in Berlin, Germany. She is studying German and exploring how she can continue working on issues of poverty and domestic violence in the European Union.

**Kathryn Scheinberg Meyer**

**Year:** 2009

**Host organization:** KidsCounsel Center for Children’s Advocacy

**City/State:** Bridgeport, CT

**Issue Area:** Children/Youth

**Project Description:** Provide individual representation and systemic advocacy to poor youth facing barriers to education as a result of a lack of appropriate mental health, special education, or behavioral services.

**Where is she now?** After the completion of her fellowship, Ms. Scheinberg Meyer remained at KidsCounsel as a staff attorney, continuing with individual representation for educational advocacy cases. She also continues to conduct community trainings for parents, students, and professionals about the legal rights of children. Ms. Scheinberg Meyer has been involved in drafting legislation for three legislative sessions regarding the provision of services to truant students, the stemming of “push-out” of students to alternative schools, and other measures designed to stop the “school-to-prison pipeline.”

**Jennifer Stark**

**Year:** 2009

**Host organization:** ACLU of Southern California

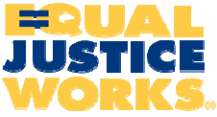
**City/State:** Los Angeles, CA

**Issue Area:** Immigrant Populations/Minorities

**Project Description:** Engage in direct representation, impact litigation, and pro bono recruitment to enhance and enforce the rights of detained immigrants with mental and developmental disabilities.

**Where is she now?** Ms. Stark is currently clerking for the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Next year, she will be clerking for the Honorable Lucy H. Koh in the Northern District of California.

\*Note: This data is derived solely through internet research. The Fellow did not respond to Equal Justice Works' efforts to obtain verification of the information.



**Eliana Kaimowitz**

**Year:** 2010

**Host organization:** California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

**City/State:** Sacramento, CA

**Issue Area:** Immigrant Populations

**Project Description:** Provide high quality, no-cost legal services and legal education to reduce the traumatization of children whose parents are, without warning, taken away by immigration, detained and possibly deported.

**Samantha Pownall**

**Year:** 2011

**Host organization:** New York Civil Liberties Union

**City/State:** New York, NY

**Issue Area:** Civil Rights/Civil Liberties

**Project Description:** Provide legal representation and public education in English and Spanish to students suspended from New York City schools in order to protect their due process rights and access to education.

**Alicia Virani**

**Year:** 2011

**Host organization:** Center for Restorative Justice

**City/State:** Los Angeles, CA

**Issue Area:** Women's Rights

**Project Description:** Create – through innovative partnerships – Restorative Justice programs for young women offenders that provide an alternative to the failing juvenile justice system and serve to reduce recidivism.

**Michele Scavongelli**

**Year:** 2012

**Host organization:** Youth Advocacy Foundation

**City/State:** Roxbury, MA

**Issue Area:** Education/Special Education

**Project Description:** Create a sustainable model of child-empowered legal advocacy in matters of school discipline and special education needs for indigent children involved in the Massachusetts child welfare system.