





This past summer, SPIF helped 100 Cincinnati Law students gain valuable experience working with public interest organizations like these:

Children's Law Center

Cincinnati City Prosecutor

Cincinnati Public Schools

Cincinnati Solicitor's Office

City of Covington Solicitor

Clermont County Prosecutor's Office

Clermont County Public Defender

Denver Public Defender

Federal Public Defender-Southern

District of Indiana

Housing Opportunities Made Equal

Juvenile Court Department, Suffolk County

Kenton County Commonwealth's

Attorney's Office

Kentucky Department of Public

Advocacy

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa

Barbara County

Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati

Missouri Public Defenders Office

North Carolina Office of the Capital Defender

Office of Indiana Attorney General

Ohio Attorney General

Ohio Justice & Policy Center

Ohio River Foundation

Pro Seniors

ProKids

Robert F. Kennedy Center for

ustice and Human Rights

Texas Civil Rights Project

US Attorney's Office for the

Southern District of Ohio

YMCA

Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program

Established in 1997 through the generous support of the Honorable Robert and Helen Black, the Honorable S. Arthur and Louise Spiegel, and Tom and Amanda White, the *Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program* (SPIF) provides Cincinnati Law students with funds to work at unpaid public interest law positions. Typically, public interest law agencies and government offices are unable to pay legal interns, and law students who choose this route must identify alternative funding for these opportunities. Our public interest funding helps bridge that gap while providing thousands of hours of pro bono legal services to our community. This past summer, 100 Cincinnati Law students took advantage of the SPIF Program, working in local, national and international public interest law positions.

Since its inception, the SPIF Program has been enhanced by the annual contributions of Cincinnati Law students, faculty, and administration through the Partnership for Public Service (PPS) fundraiser as well as friends of the College who support the efforts of the Public Interest Law Group. This year's golf scramble on April 2nd is another way you can help support our summer fellows and help provide legal support and education to our community as well.

To date, the Endowed Program has distributed close to \$300,000.00 in Fellowship grants. Combined with Federal Work Study money, the SPIF program is responsible for coordinating over \$500,000.00 in summer fellowship funding.

Katie Porter, Class of 2012

Summer Employment: ProKids

"Thanks to support from the SPIF program, I was able to spend last summer at ProKids assisting with the implementation of a pilot program for teens aging out of the Hamilton County foster care system. Unfortunately, too many of these youths aren't equipped with the self-sufficiency skills and knowledge necessary to transition successfully to independent living upon emancipation. Hopefully, this new program will help to cure some of those deficiencies."

Justin Buntain, Class of 2012

Summer Employment: Ohio Attorney General's Office, Executive Agencies Section

"Working for the Ohio Attorney General's Office in Columbus was a great experience because I was able to work on interesting cases and learn from amazing attorneys. Without my SPIF stipend my experience would not have been possible."

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