



**SABANY**

SOUTH ASIAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
OF NEW YORK

**2021**

# Public Interest Fellowship Virtual Benefit

May 6, 2021

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Courtesy of Ryan Budhu

## PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

*Help the next generation of lawyers gain the knowledge and skills to thrive/succeed.*

Each year, the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY) awards Public Interest Fellowships to outstanding law students with a demonstrated commitment to public service, by providing funding for unpaid summer internships in public service. Through the Public Interest Fellowship, law students who otherwise may not be able to afford taking on an unpaid internship can explore opportunities in public service and provide legal services to vulnerable communities.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has had disproportionate impacts on vulnerable communities in New York and around the world. Affordable and/or free accessible legal services for under-resourced individuals and groups has become more important than ever, for issues ranging from housing, unemployment benefits, food security, healthcare, voting, and many others. Throughout the past year, we at SABANY have seen the growing interest from law students to deploy their budding legal skills in furtherance of the public interest. The Public Interest Fellowship will directly empower law students to respond to this urgent need of legal services, and create a pipeline for the next generation of South Asian public interest leaders.

SABANY invites you to contribute to our efforts in furthering both the needs of the South Asian community and the public interest by becoming a Public Interest Fellowship sponsor. The Public Interest Fellowships are made possible by the generosity of institutional sponsorship and individual contributions.

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, SABANY will host our 18th Annual Public Interest Fellowship Benefit on a virtual platform. At the Benefit, SABANY will announce the 2021 Fellowship recipients and host remarks from a keynote speaker, a leader in public interest.



# YOUR IMPACT OVER THE YEARS

"This summer, I was an Ella Baker intern at the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) in New York City, which was an incredibly formative experience. During my time at CCR, I was able to further develop my understanding of movement lawyering, abolition, racial justice, and civil rights litigation. I worked on a variety of issues including LGBTQ, prisoner, and immigrant rights. I also researched and wrote memoranda on equal protection and due process claims, remotely interviewed clients in California prisons, and engaged with CCR attorneys on complicated legal theories. The Public Interest Fellowship played an important part in helping fund my summer at CCR. With this fellowship, I was able to gain valuable skills and experience that I will carry with me throughout my career as a public interest lawyer." - **Pooja Shivaprasad, 2020 SABANY Public Interest Fellow**



"This summer, I had the distinct pleasure and honor to intern with the Immigrant Defense Project in New York City. Despite the ongoing pandemic and injustices that were plaguing the streets and our communities, my internship was a fruitful experience that provided me with a plethora of new knowledge. Through this internship, I was able to further my knowledge of the crim-imm issues that noncitizens face when they are

entangled with the carceral system. While I was hesitant at first given the fact that I would not have direct client contact, this summer provided a unique opportunity for me to still maintain that client contact through my representation of the high-risk COVID-19 detainee and my constant work on the hotline. One of the most rewarding aspects of my summer was working with our client who was detained and being able to develop such a trusting relationship. I was fortunate to be asked to work on the case and be given a lot of independence in terms of connecting with our client, crafting an affidavit on his behalf and drafting a majority of our Reply Brief to DHS's Opposition to Preliminary Injunction, which sought for our clients release. At the end of the summer, after my internship ended, I received a letter from my client, which I have pinned to my desk that says 'Hey Pena, I just want to say thank you for your help on my case, the conversations we had and your input and hard work you put into my case. I finally got released and I just wanted you to know and say thank you.' This letter truly warmed my heart and exemplified exactly why I seek to be a public interest lawyer." - **Daniel Pena, 2020 SABANY Public Interest Fellow**



# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

*All 2021 sponsors will receive full recognition at SABANY's 2022 Public Interest Fellowship Benefit and Annual Leadership Awards Gala to show SABANY's appreciation for those who have helped us weather the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**\*Early Bird Discount: Take advantage of a 10% Early Bird discount by making your sponsorship commitment by April 9, 2021.**

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- Chance to interview our Fellows in a pre-recorded video that will be displayed at the virtual Public Interest Fellowship Reception.
- Dedicated social media posts consisting of: one (1) Instagram post and one (1) LinkedIn post, displaying one to two (1-2) images with sponsor's logo along with any other description or images of sponsor's choosing.
- Verbal acknowledgement from SABANY leadership during virtual Public Interest Fellowship Reception.
- Written recognition in virtual program, distributed virtually at Public Interest Fellowship Reception and on SABANY's website.

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- Written recognition in virtual program, distributed virtually at Public Interest Fellowship Reception and on SABANY's website.

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**All payments due by May 6, 2021.**

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