



## **Equal Justice Works Fellowships Funded by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation**

### **2002 - 2004 Fellows**

#### **Amy Magee and Sheri Tolliver**

Texas Civil Rights Project – Austin

Project: Educate teachers, administrators, and communities in rural, minority areas about ways to improve gender equity in primary and secondary school classrooms.

### **2003 – 2005 Fellow**

#### **Barbara Stalder**

Lone Star Legal Aid – Houston

Project: Develop a Children’s Law Center to serve abused and neglected children in Harris County by providing them with legal representation.

### **2004 – 2006 Fellow**

#### **Matthew Seymour**

Dallas Legal Hospice – Dallas

Project: Provide civil, health-related legal representation to persons living with HIV/AIDS and terminal illness in rural north Texas, via the Mobile Legal Services Team, and conduct legal education workshops for clients, caregivers and pro bono lawyers.

### **2005 - 2007 Fellows**

#### **Bernadette Segura**

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – San Antonio

Project: Assist homeless clients with legal advice and applications for obtaining affordable housing and mainstream benefits.

#### **Sean Pevsner**

Advocacy, Inc. - Austin

Project: Educate disabled students regarding appropriate accommodations in secondary and higher education, and represent them in legal disputes with schools.

### **2006 - 2008 Fellows**

#### **Ramey Ko**

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Weslaco

Project: Provide legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence facing discrimination in public, subsidized and private housing.

#### **Dustin Rynders**

Advocacy, Inc. – Houston

Project: Represent low-income students disadvantaged by “zero tolerance” discipline policies and advocate for systemic reform.

#### **David Sadegh**

Lone Star Legal Aid – Houston

Project: Provide low-income tenants in Harris County with the information and legal resources they need to keep their homes.

### **2007 - 2008 Fellows**

#### **Jessica Alas**

Montgomery County Women's Center  
Conroe

Project: Seeks to establish the infrastructure necessary to create a sustainable pro se educational program and pro bono panel of attorneys. Montgomery County is the 12th largest and the 6th fastest growing county in Texas, with approximately 40,000 individuals living below poverty level. No organized pro bono program operates in the area.

**Jennifer Landau**

Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services – El Paso

Project: Provide legal representation to immigrants placed in immigration removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) at the satellite El Paso, TX holding facilities, with a special focus on refugees and victims of crime, torture, domestic violence and trafficking.

**Corinna Spencer-Scheurich**

Texas Civil Rights Project – Austin

This project will organize colonia-based and run Centers, led by youth volunteers, to distribute and gather consumer information to stem the tide of Predatory business practices, lack of consumer options and knowledge along the Texas/Mexico border.

**Jacob Wedemeyer**

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. – Weslaco

Project: Provide assistance to TRLA's Worker Visa Project which attempts to deter the abuse guest worker programs.

**2008-2009 Fellows**

**Colleen Wisdom**

Advocacy, Inc. – Lubbock

Project: Provide special needs children with access to the appropriate services that are promised under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

**Shawn Gunder**

Clinic for Legal and Social Justice - San Antonio

Project: Provide the homeless in the San Antonio area with issues related to immigration and some criminal matters, referral avenues to

the appropriate clinics comprised within the St. Mary's University School of Law Clinic for Legal and Social Justice.

**Helena Coronado-Salazar**

Equal Justice Center – Austin

Project: Will build upon the wage rights expertise and innovative models developed by the EJC, but will seek also to incorporate new expertise from private law firms regarding methods for collecting unpaid wages from employers who ignore or evade court orders to pay.

**Amber VanSchuyver**

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Weslaco

Project: Assist domestic violence victims in obtaining the necessary skills to develop sustained economic self-sufficiency far beyond their initial legal representation with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA).

**2009-2010 Fellows**

**Sarah Bellinger**

Advocacy, Inc., Houston

Project: Creating a Special Education Clinic composed of private attorneys who will meet regularly with parents of children in need of special education services to educate them about substantive topics within special education law, practical advocacy tips, and methods of resolving disputes under IDEA. The result will be a sustainable pool of pro bono attorneys offering legal advice and services to parents of children with disabilities. She will also be providing direct representation and performing community outreach.

**Jessica Cassidy**

Texas Advocacy Project, Austin

Project: Strives to develop the economic self-sufficiency of victims of domestic violence with children so that they do not need to return to their batterers for financial support.

**Abigail Frank**

Texas Civil Rights Project, Austin

Project: Educate judges and county policy makers about improving interpretation services

and develop litigation with victims of domestic violence in counties that are less amenable to change. The needs of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals in civil proceedings go unmet. Often, LEP victims of domestic violence are given little information about legal proceedings in which they are participants, even when child custody, divorce, or family safety is at stake.

**Patricia “Tricia” Freshwater**

Catholic Charities of Dallas

Project: Bring legal services to immigrants who have been detained and are currently in removal proceedings. Specifically, it will involve educating immigrants and their families regarding their rights, providing legal representation to immigrants unable to afford private counsel, and training and mentoring volunteer attorneys to provide immigration representation. The law firm of Baker & McKenzie is a co-sponsor.

**2010-2011 Fellows**

**Celina Moreno**

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.

San Antonio, TX

Project: Obstruct the school-to-prison pipeline in San Antonio and nearby areas by informing families of their rights, collaborating with schools, fostering policy reform, and offering direct representation.

**Andres Dura**

The Equal Justice Center, Austin

Project: Provide innovative legal representation to open new access to the justice system in the San Antonio area for working poor people who labor in construction jobs and are denied the wages they’ve earned.

**Kristin Connor**

Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services, El Paso

Project: Provide abandoned, abused, and neglected immigrant youth in west Texas and southern New Mexico a path to citizenship through legal advocacy, community outreach, and organizational capacity building.