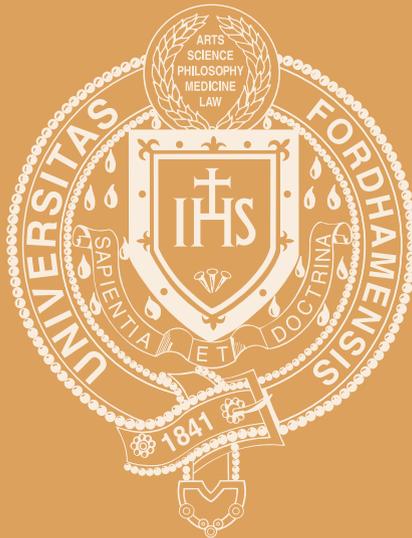


# Public Service



# In The Service Of Others

Fordham Law prepares its students to confront the challenges of our times—to become leaders in the legal profession who will effect real change through principled, ethical lawyering; through active citizenship; and through an unwavering dedication to justice. From student-initiated groups and service-oriented legal centers to specialized academic courses, Fordham Law provides countless avenues for students to pursue public interest and service—and to learn about, practice, and get involved in social justice lawyering.

The hub of all public service activity at Fordham Law is the Public Interest Resource Center (PIRC), which helps organize and inspire more than two-dozen student-run pro bono, advocacy, and community service groups. For almost 30 years, Fordham Law students have coordinated with PIRC to provide legal support and other resources to people in need around the world.

Other public service opportunities include the Stein Scholars Program, which offers students a supportive community, extensive mentorship and guidance, unique academic training, and financial support to launch and maintain nonprofit and government careers.

The public interest and service concentration prepares J.D. students to fight injustice and to help empower and advocate for disenfranchised individuals and communities. In order to relieve some of the debt burden for our graduates who pursue careers in the nonprofit area, Fordham offers the Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Fordham Law is home to centers and institutes that pursue vitally important work to improve the lives of individuals, strengthen communities, and fight for justice worldwide. These service-oriented centers provide countless avenues for students to pursue public interest and service—and to learn about, practice, and get involved in social justice lawyering. These centers include the Feerick Center for Social Justice, the Center on Race, Law and Justice, the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, and the National Center for Access to Justice, among others.

In addition to giving students hands-on work experience in a broad range of legal advocacy, assistance, and community legal education efforts in and outside New York City, all our public service initiatives actively develop solid lawyering skills and familiarize students with the kind of problem solving they will encounter throughout their professional careers.

## Public Service Quick Facts

Fordham Law's classes, on average, participate in more than 100,000 hours of public service work during their time in law school.

The Public Interest Resource Center received the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for public service, making Fordham Law the second of three law schools to ever win the award.

The Stein Scholars Program is a nationally recognized award-winning program that provides students with a comprehensive three-year educational curriculum and abundant extracurricular opportunities that combine academic training with practical experience in public interest law.



## PIRC Student Groups

Advocates for the Incarcerated

Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights

Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society

Artist Representation Society

Consumer Law Advocates

Domestic Violence Action Center

Drug Policy Reform Group

Education Law Collaborative

Environmental Law Advocates

Farm to Fordham

Fordham Health Law Society

Fordham Law Advocates for Voter Rights

Fordham Law Defenders

Fordham Student Sponsored Fellowship, Inc.

Habitat for Humanity at Fordham Law School

Housing Advocacy Project

If/When/How Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

Immigration Advocacy Project

International Refugee Assistance Project

Mentoring Youth Through Legal Education

Stein Scholars Program

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund  
of Fordham Law School

Students for the Education and Representation  
of Veterans

Suspension Representation Project

Unemployment Action Center

Universal Justice

Workers' Rights Advocates

YouthLaw

