

## What is SPILF?

The Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation is a student-run 501(c)(3) that supports and promotes public interest work by funding those who do it. We support Stanford students in service projects, summer jobs, and post-graduate work, as well as outside organizations that use our grants to do a broad range of work.

## Who is SPILF?

SPILF is run by a student executive board and an outside board consisting of alumni, faculty, and practicing attorneys. The Board directs the overall mission of SPILF and oversees fundraising and fund distribution.

## Current Executive Board

**President:** Samantha Brown  
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**VP of Hotel Voucher Program:**  
Anthony Sun

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**At-Large Members:**  
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## The SPILF Mission:

The Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation works to innovatively promote and support public interest lawyering during and beyond law school. SPILF believes each Stanford student and alum can and should contribute to the public interest, through pro bono and public interest work, and provides students an organization in which students develop and maintain their commitment to public interest."



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## Where we get our money...

### Hotel Voucher Program

A program where students choose to stay with friends or family rather than hotel rooms while interviewing for firm jobs across the country. Firms then contribute some of the money they would have spent on those hotel rooms to SPILF.

### The Bid for Justice Auction

This community-building event brings together students, alumni, faculty and staff together for an evening of entertainment and fundraising for the public interest. The auction is a semi-formal event complete with both silent and live components, as well as food, drinks, and entertainment. The proceeds from the auction, combined with auction sponsors and advertising, constitute the bulk of SPILF's revenues. Last year we raised about \$90,000; this year our goal is to raise **\$100,000**.

#### *Past Auction Items*

- Walk-on role to the hit series 24
- Tickets to the last week of the Price-is-Right
- Private Tour and Tasting for 15 at Savannah Channele Vineyards
- Private Flight to San Louis Obispo
- A three-minute serenade by three favorite law school professors
- Custom Callaway Driver
- JFK Inauguration Program
- Signed Dixie Chicks Guitar
- Flight and 2 Night Hotel stay in Reno
- Stay at Hyatt Regency Scottsdale
- Omega Men's Watch

## Where our money goes...

### Current Students

SPILF started the practice of funding Stanford students in summer public interest jobs. Stanford now pays a substantial portion of the grants, but SPILF continues to contribute, by funding PI students who summer abroad. SPILF also supports other student-run public interest projects, such as last year's alternative spring break in New Orleans.

### Post-Grad Students

This year, SPILF will award its very first post-graduate fellowship to a recent alum with a proven dedication to using his or her legal skills for the public interest. The SPILF-Stanford Law School Public Interest Fellowship will enable its holder to work full-time for a year in a law-related endeavor designed to further the public interest by providing full salary and benefits.

### Outside Project Grants

A significant portion of our budget supports non-profits doing a broad range of grass-roots legal work through grants of up to \$10,000.

### Always Looking

SPILF continually explores other ways in which we can support public interest and the people who do it. We thus reserve a portion of our budget to fund projects that might come up mid-year, or to dedicate to longer-term initiatives where we see a need.

## Past SPILF Outside Project Grant Recipients

- *Asylum Access, CA*
  - To establish Legal Aid clinics in Ecuador and Thailand to help enforce and improve refugee rights
- *Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project, NY*
  - To produce, disseminate and translate a pro se guide for low-income New Yorkers representing themselves in debt collection law suits .
- *Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project, AZ*
  - To develop legal orientation materials for children upon their release from ICE.
- *Appalachian Center for the Economy and the Environment, WV*
  - For litigation expenses related to providing pro-bono legal assistance to minders enforcing mine safety issues.
- *Iowa Legal Aid, Women's Justice Project, IA*
  - To support development of the Project, which aims to provide innovative solutions addressing the flaws in the domestic abuse justice system through litigation, data collection and research, and community collaboration.