

# Summer Public Service Fellows Program

## Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

### About the Program

Through the generosity of alumni and friends of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, we are pleased to be able to offer fellowship funding opportunities for our students. These fellowships are intended to support unpaid work experiences in the public sector, including legal services, non-profit advocacy, and government agencies.

In order to alleviate the financial uncertainty that often surrounds the public interest job search, our Public Service Fellows are named in February of each year. This allows our Fellows to pursue their summer experiences with the knowledge of some level of financial support. Many public sector employers also look favorably upon applications that indicate a source of funding has already been secured.

Applications are made to the Fellowship Program directly; specific awards are determined by the selection committee. There is no need to indicate a preference for a particular award. A listing of the variety of Fellowships and Scholarships from which awards are made is available at the end of this application form.

### Application Procedures & Deadlines

Submit the application form, personal statement, and a copy of your most current resume to the Office of Career Strategy & Employment *no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 31, 2019.*

- Your personal statement should provide insight into your career goals, your motivation for pursuing a public sector summer clerkship, and the name(s) of the employer(s) to which you have applied or intend to apply. The statement should be no more than 1200 words.

The Fellowship recipient(s) will be notified no later than Friday, February 15, 2019.

### Expectations of Fellowship Recipients

1. Fellowships are only paid if qualifying experience (unpaid public sector work) is secured. An offer letter or other confirmation of employment must be provided to the Office of Career Strategy & Employment before funds will be disbursed.
2. Payments are not processed until the volunteer experience begins. Fellowship recipients will contact the Office of Career Strategy & Employment as soon as possible after they begin work in order to begin the payment process.
3. Recipients will be expected to provide the Office of Career Strategy & Employment with any personal information, such as address or taxpayer ID, that may be required in order to process the payment of the fellowship award.
4. Issuance of the check can take up to 4-6 weeks.
5. Recipients of a named Fellowship or Scholarship award will provide the OCP with a thank you note to send to the funder no later than the final week of the work experience.

### Questions?

Call or email Heather DiFranco, Director, Office of Career Strategy & Employment, at 216-687-2540 or [h.d.difranco@csuohio.edu](mailto:h.d.difranco@csuohio.edu)

**Summer Public Service Fellows Program  
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law  
2019 Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submit this application to the Office of Career Strategy & Employment with the following supporting documentation:

\_\_\_\_ Current resume

\_\_\_\_ Personal statement (no more than 1200 words)

**Authorization to release information:** By signing your name below, you authorize Cleveland-Marshall College of Law to provide your name and email address to the representative of any named fellowship that you may be awarded. You also authorize the release of your application to the Fellowship Selection Committee for the purpose of determining the award recipients.

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(signature)

**Application Deadline:** Thursday, January 31, 2019, by 5:00 pm

Materials may be dropped off to the Office of Career Strategy & Employment or emailed to [career@law.csuohio.edu](mailto:career@law.csuohio.edu)

# Summer Fellowships at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

## Fellowship & Scholarship Descriptions

**Terry and Robin Gilbert Social Justice Fellowship Fund** is for Cleveland-Marshall College of Law students and new graduates who work with public interest groups, government offices, or individuals who advocate, represent, or do research in the area of civil and human rights and criminal justice (not criminal prosecution). Terry Gilbert, a 1973 graduate of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, has dedicated his legal career to promote human and political rights, as well as progressive approaches to criminal justice. As a legal and social activist, Terry Gilbert sees law as an instrument of social change where human rights take precedence over property and corporate interests. Through this Fellowship, Terry and Robin Gilbert encourage students and graduates to work on behalf of those deprived of rights because of class, race, or sexual preference, and to advocate the promotion of constitutional rights and progressive justice for those charged with crimes.

**Marilyn Tobocman Equal Access to Justice Endowed Fund** was established in 2018 by the daughters of Marilyn Tobocman to honor their trailblazing mother, who dedicated her legal career to the fierce advocacy of those whose rights were most threatened. In her last public address, Marilyn recalled being “married and residing safely in the suburbs with my four daughters” when she first heard President Kennedy’s citizenship challenge: “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” His call to action and the events of the turbulent 1960s – the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr., the Hough Riots, the election of Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes, and the passage of the federal Civil Rights and Fair Housing Acts – sent Marilyn to law school. She enrolled at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at the age of 47, twice the age of most of her classmates, and was fully engaged in the practice of law until her death in 2018 at the age of 83. The goal of this fund is to encourage students to follow her example by exploring careers in the public interest. This fund will support summer or post-graduate fellowships with non-governmental organizations promoting equal access to justice, including (but not limited to) social justice, civil rights, women’s rights, and human rights. Because Ms. Tobocman traveled the world, preference for these fellowships will be given to applicants proposing to work with organizations outside of Northeast Ohio.

**James and Teresa Lowe Endowed Fellowship** provides an annual award to a Cleveland-Marshall student pursuing a summer fellowship supporting social justice. James and Teresa Lowe recognize the importance of social justice in the practice of law and seek to foster the advancement of these ideals by supporting the work of a summer fellow. Preference shall be given to students who demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, consumer and product safety.

**Max I. Kehrman Memorial Endowed Public Interest Fellowship Fund** was established by S. Lee Kehrman, Esq., in memory of his father Max I. Kehrman, a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace School of Law, a predecessor institution to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Mr. Kehrman practiced law in Cleveland from 1918-1962, was the founder of the Cleveland firm of Kehrman and Kehrman, a predecessor of the current firm of Kehrman, Jackson, & Krantz, and was a life-long supporter of socially responsible public institutions which relied heavily on the skill and devotion of lawyers. This fellowship is open to students who show an interest

in joining the legal staffs of institutions, both public and private, which are committed to public service; students must be returning to Cleveland-Marshall the following fall semester

**Edith and Sidney Simon Civil Liberties Fellowship** provides financial support to law students working with the American Civil Liberties Union or other civil liberties organizations. Students selected shall be academically promising students who have demonstrated or expressed a commitment to civil liberties.