16th Annual Berkeley Law Foundation

SOCIAL JUSTICE AUCTION

November 11, 2011

Oakland Asian Cultural Center
The Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF) is an income sharing organization comprised of Boalt students and alumni who are dedicated to providing legal services to historically underserved communities. Started in 1976 by Boalt students, BLF was the first organization of its kind in the nation.

BLF provides direct funding to support public interest law and promote diversity in the legal profession. Every year, BLF gives out dozens of summer grants to current Boalt students for public interest legal internships, and awards larger year-long grants to new attorneys to launch new legal service initiatives around the country.

In 1997, BLF inaugurated the Phoenix Fellowship for Boalt students of color with an outstanding commitment to public interest legal work.

16th Annual Auction Extravaganza Planning Committee

Hilda Chan (Co-President) Stacie Kinser
Rachel DiNardo (Co-President) Diana Rashid
Skye Amundsen (Treasurer) Yanin Senachai
Sonja Diaz Habiba Simjee

BLF Board Members

Holly Baldwin (Board President) Lin Chin Arthur Liou
Andrew Sioson (CFO) Rachel DiNardo Khari Tillery
Sarah Webb (Secretary) Veena Dubal Blake Thompson
Skye Amundsen Yohance Edwards Kathleen Vanden Heuvel
Hilda Chan Lisa Ells

Honorary Board Members

Anya Binsacca Joey Hipolito Harini Raghupathi
Christopher Daley Michelle Leung Gail Silverstein
Jon Givner Madeline Neighly Daniel Strong
Jenna Grambort David Pogrel Jessie Warner
16th Annual Auction Extravaganza

Our deepest gratitude to our honored sponsors and donors

Champion of Diversity
Crowell & Moring, LLP

Guardian of Diversity
Hanson Bridgett
Leonard Carder, LLP
Rosen, Bien & Galvan, LLP
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

Advocate of Diversity
Goodwin Procter, LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP
Rutan & Tucker, LLP

Supporter of Diversity
Alston + Bird, LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP
Nixon Peabody, LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP

Berkeley Law Affiliated Sponsors
Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice
Native American Law Students Association (NALSA)
Boalt Hall Women's Association (BHWA)
California Law Review (CLR)
Environmental Law Society (ELS)
Hanson Bridgett is proud to support The Berkeley Law Foundation’s 16th Annual Auction Extravaganza benefiting the Phoenix Fellowship.

Goodwin Procter LLP is proud to support the Berkeley Law Foundation’s 16th Annual Auction Extravaganza.
We salute

The Berkeley Law Foundation

and join with them in supporting the

Phoenix Fellowship

a scholarship awarded to students of color pursuing public interest law

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

We are pleased to support

The Berkeley Law Foundation
Boalt Faculty and Clinic Donors

Anne Joseph O’Connell
Andrea Roth
Bertrall Ross
Bill Fernholz
Bob Berring
Catherine Albiston
Cheryl D. Berg
Christopher Edley
David Oppenheimer
Eleanor Swift
Elisabeth Semel
Eric Talley
Erin Clarke
Fred Smith
Gillian Lester
Holly Doremus
Ian Haney-Lopez
Jason Schultz
Jeffrey Selbin
Jennifer Granholm
Joan Hollinger
Jonathan Simon
Juan Carlos Cancino
Justin McCrery
Laurel Fletcher
Leti Volpp
Lindsay S. Saffouri
Lucinda Sikes
Maria Echaveste
Mark Gergen
Mary Louise Frampton
Melissa Murray
Michael Levy
Michelle Cole
Michelle W. Anderson
Molly Van Houweling
Nancy Lemon
Neil Levy
Patricia P. Hurley
Prasad Krishnamurthy
Robert Bartlett
Robert Cole
Robyn F. Wang
Saira Mohamed
Scott Williams
Stephen McG. Bundy
Stephen Sugarman
Steve Rosenbaum
Steve Weissman
Susan Whitman
Talha Syed
Tirien Steinbach
Ty Alper
Victoria Plaut

Business and Community Donors

Aquarium of the Bay
BARBRI
California Canoe and Kayak
Cheeseboard!
Howard Mackey, Jr.
Julie Yokoyama
Kaplan
Latham & Watkins LLP
Lesley Turner
Nancy Overton
Old Crocker Inn
Planet Granite
Sidnea d’Amico
Spanish Flow Yoga
Vintage Wines Estates
WestLaw Study Aids, West Points,
School Supplies

Student Donors

Andrew Fong
Darren Modzelewski
Dash Kwiatkowski
JeAnne Reyes
Rachel DiNardo
Berkeley Law Foundation
General Members and Auction Volunteers

Alana Kopke
Alejandro Delgado
Aliya Ali Khan
Amanda Rogers
Amy Belsher
Anna Christensen
Arusha Gordon
Chris Lau
Cory Isaacson
Daniel Dobies
Deep Jhodka
Elizabeth Cowan
Emily Gladden
Emily Puhl
Eve Weissman
Flora Pereira

Ian Brown
Ioana Tchoukleva
Kamela Maktabi
Kara Alba
Katie Adamides
Leila Tabbaa
Lelia Gomez
Liz Long
Maria Garrett
Maria Sofia Corona
Marissa Ram
Max Pines
Megan Ines
Micah West
Michelle Iorio
Michelle Kim

Paul David Meyer
Peggy Li
Rachel Jamison
Rebecca Gindi
Rebecca Popuch
Rebekah DeHaven
Ryne Poesy
Saba Ahmed
Saira Hussain
Samia Hossain
Shevon Lewis
Shana Heller
Susan Har
Theresa Chang

The Band

Lujing Liu
Sean Darling-Hammond
Rachel Berkness
Kevin Meil
Page Robinson
Max Pines
In 1997, the Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF) inaugurated the Phoenix Fellowship, which it awards every year to Boalt students who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service. BLF offers the Fellowship as part of its commitment to desegregate higher education in the aftermath of Proposition 209 and to break down the barriers for lawyers of color to pursue public interest careers. In 1998, the National Association of Public Interest Law (now called Equal Justice Works) awarded BLF a prestigious national commendation for its creation and administration of this crucial and unique mechanism for student recruitment and ongoing support at the country’s leading public law school.

The Phoenix Fellowship offers recipients a $9,000 scholarship for the first year of law school. It also funds Phoenix Fellows for summer public interest work serving underprivileged and underrepresented communities. Phoenix Fellows have served with a range of social justice organizations, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, California Rural Legal Assistance, New Orleans Legal Assistance, Legal Services of Northern California, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

**Alejandro Delgado (Class of 2014)**

Alejandro was born in Queretaro, Mexico, and raised in Dallas, Texas. Alejandro has pursued his longstanding interest in promoting diversity initiatives, workplace justice, and immigration advocacy in his educational and professional endeavors. As an undergraduate, Alejandro advocated for increased faculty and student diversity as president of the Latin American Student Organization and chair of the Student Admissions Committee on Diversity. After college, he taught 10th grade AP World History at James Pace High School in Brownsville, Texas. Alejandro then pursued graduate study in history at Yale University, where he studied the impact of Cold War national security concerns on the mass deportation of Mexican agricultural workers during the 1940s and 1950s. Outside of the classroom, he worked with UNITE-HERE and the Graduate Students and Employees Organization to organize graduate teachers and workers at Yale and hotel workers in Philadelphia and Las Vegas. More recently, he has worked with the Workers Defense Project and the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition in Austin, Texas, to help promote municipal and state policies that address the needs of immigrant workers and families. After law school, Alejandro plans to use his legal education and experiences to continue working for social justice and advocating on behalf of underserved communities.

**Sonja Diaz (Class of 2013)**

Sonja Diaz has extensive work experience in the public sector, facilitating advocacy campaigns, directing qualitative and quantitative research projects, and organizing multi-cultural programming. As an undergraduate at UC Santa Cruz, Sonja was a research assistant, teaching assistant, and student director for outreach and retention programs. After her undergraduate studies, Sonja advocated on behalf of communities of color as a Health Fellow at Latino Issues Forum and architected the first interactive online advocacy portal specifically designed to increase the civic participation of Latina registered voters in California as an associate at Hispanicas Organized for Political Equality. As a graduate student, Sonja directed a longitudinal participatory research study on neighborhood public school choice reforms for Latino and Asian students, documented the propensity of telemedicine to benefit urban communities at the Greenlining Institute, and advocated against the budget cuts to public higher education statewide. At Boalt, Sonja is active in the movement to defend public education in California, helps to advance CRT scholarship on two affinity journals, and spent her 1L summer in the White House Domestic Policy Council. Sonja is a Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) fellow, a graduate of the Applied Research Center’s Racial Justice Leadership Institute, and holds a Masters of Public Policy from UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs. Born and raised in urban Los Angeles, Sonja hopes to refine the skills necessary to advance civil rights laws and equitable public policies for marginalized communities.

**Diana Rashid (Class of 2013)**

Diana was born in Michoacan, Mexico. Her family immigrated to the US when she was five. She was raised in Chicago where became a leader in the immigrant rights movement during high school, when she began organizing youth to fight for financial aid and access to higher education for undocumented students.
As a high school student, Diana was instrumental in passing Illinois legislation granting in-state tuition to undocumented students. As an undergraduate student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, she founded a student organization that worked to advance the DREAM Act and organized in the local community for comprehensive immigration reform. After college, Diana organized in Seattle where she won community benefits agreements at local hospitals and advanced language access in local hospitals. Most recently Diana was an organizer with the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy in Oakland, where she developed a coalition of labor unions and community organizations to advocate for immigration reform that protected immigrant workers’ rights to organize. After law school, Diana plans to continue fighting to change federal immigration laws to protect immigrant workers’ rights and provide undocumented students access to higher education.

Maria Sofia Corona Gomez (Class of 2014)

Ma. Sofia Corona Gomez grew up in Selma, CA and earned her B.A. from California State University, Fresno in History and Philosophy in 2005. After graduation, Sofia became the coordinator for the student organizing coalition E.S.P.I.N.O. (Escuelas Si! Pintas No!, Schools Yes! Jails No!), and furthered her community organizing efforts for immigrant rights with Comite No Nos Vamos and co-created a regional coalition as part of the 2006 mobilizing efforts. Sofia earned her Masters from The University of Texas at Austin in 2009, where she studied Latin American and U.S. History, with a focus on immigration and borderlands. While in Texas, Ma. Sofia worked as an intern for Southwest Workers Union on a NO Border Wall campaign, supported the environmental justice work of P.O.D.E.R. (People in Defense of Earth and her Resources), and volunteered with Workers Defense Project, a cross-sector union. On her return to Fresno in 2009, Sofiaworked with several San Joaquin community based groups on their efforts to empower immigrant communities and people of color through popular education, mobilizing, advocacy, and direct action. Concurrently, Sofia was employed as a community worker with California Rural Legal Assistance on the Community Equity Initiative program. Here, Sofia supported the capacity building, research, advocacy, and at times litigation of unincorporated communities through out the San Joaquin Valley on matters of fair and inclusive planning, health disparities, environmental justice, and democratic decision making.

Amaha Imanuel Kassa (Class of 2012)

Amaha is a first-generation African immigrant, a social justice organizer, and a lawyer in training. Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Amaha emigrated to the United States as a child. At Brown University, he was active in the student movement for financial aid reform and minority admissions. After college, he worked as a union organizer with poultry workers in Alabama, nursing home workers in Detroit, and public sector workers in the Silicon Valley. In 1999, he became lead staff person, and eventually Executive Director, of the start-up economic justice nonprofit East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, which he helped grow into a nationally recognized leader in its field. Amaha is currently at Harvard Kennedy School as part of Boalt’s joint J.D./Master’s of Public Policy program with HKS. Amaha plans to use his legal and policy education to advocate for African immigrant communities in the US and for progressive Africa policy.

Yanin Senachai (Class of 2012)

Yanin was born in Bangkok, Thailand and grew up in South Central Los Angeles. She worked for six years at the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence, fostering national collaborations and ethnic specific organizing to develop and promote culturally relevant advocacy for Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander victims of domestic violence. As a law student, Yanin has served undocumented and low-income immigrants through direct services and impact litigation. At the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Yanin worked on class action employment discrimination lawsuits on behalf of Southeast Asian workers. At the Family Violence Law Center and Bay Area Legal Aid, Yanin assisted undocumented women in applying for U-Visas and advocated for low-income, homeless and disabled clients in appealing their denials of social security and disability benefits. Yanin was also co-chair of the Boalt Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Through her future career in law, Yanin aims to advance the availability and effectiveness of legal services for exploited and abused immigrants.
Congratulations to the Phoenix Fellows
Rutan & Tucker, LLP

is proud to support

The Berkeley Law Foundation

for their efforts to promote diversity
in legal education and public interest law

611 Anton Blvd, Suite 1400
Costa Mesa, California 92626-1931
714.641.5100 | Fax 714.546.9035

RUTAN
RUTAN & TUCKER, LLP
www.rutan.com

3000 El Camino Real, Suite 200
Palo Alto, California 94306-9814
650.320.1500 | Fax 650.320.9905

Orrick is Proud to Support
the Berkeley Law Foundation’s
2011 Auction Extravaganza
benefitting the Phoenix Fellowship.

dive in
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT ORRICK

BEIJING BERLIN DÜSSELDORF FRANKFURT HONG KONG LONDON LOS ANGELES MILAN MOSCOW MUNICH NEW YORK ORANGE COUNTY PARIS PORTLAND ROME SACRAMENTO SAN FRANCISCO SEATTLE SHANGHAI SILICON VALLEY TAIPEI TOKYO WASHINGTON DC

LEONARD CARDER, LLP
Providing legal counsel and representation to unions and workers

Victoria Chin
Lynn Rossman Fans
Shawn Groff
Kate R. Hallward
Christine S. Hwang
Jennifer Keating
Arthur A. Krantz
Arthur Lion
Philip C. Monrad
Elizabeth Morris
Eleanor I. Morton
Lindsay R. Nichols
Isaac S. Nicholson
Robert Remar
Margot A. Rosenberg
Beth A. Ross
Matthew D. Ross
Jacob F. Rukeyser
Peter W. Saltzman
Phil A. Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL PHOENIX
FELLOWS AND THE
BERKELEY LAW
FOUNDATION!

Norman Leonard
(1914 – 2006)

OF COUNSEL
William H. Carder
Sanford N. Nathan
Richard S. Zuckerman

OAKLAND OFFICE
1330 Broadway, Suite 1450
Oakland, CA 94612
Tel: (510) 272-0169
Fax: (510) 272-0174

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
1188 Franklin Street, Suite 201
San Francisco, CA 94109
Tel: (415) 771-6400
Fax: (415) 771-7010

wwwleonardcarder.com
Crowell & Moring LLP is proud to support the Berkley Law Foundation. Congratulations to the Phoenix Fellows.