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## **BAR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES LAW STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The New York Bar Foundation has announced the law student recipients of fellowship and scholarship programs administered through the Foundation.

The awards offer law students valuable experience assisting attorneys in different aspects of the legal profession. The funding is made possible by the support of sections of the New York State Bar Association and other donors.

### **Antitrust**

The Antitrust Law Section Fellowship provides law students with a \$6,000 fellowship and the opportunity to experience antitrust practice during the summer after their first or second year of law school. Students are provided supervised experience assisting with antitrust matters at the Office of New York State Attorney General, Antitrust Bureau; Federal Trade Commission, Northeast Region; or U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, New York, City office. The recipients are:



**Sharaf Islam, Duke University School of Law**, will fulfill his fellowship at the New York City office of the Federal Trade Commission. “I am thrilled to have received an Antitrust Section Fellowship from The New York Bar Foundation. As someone who cares deeply about fostering fair competition in the marketplace, the opportunity to engage in substantive work at the Federal Trade Commission will be invaluable to me at this early stage of my legal career.”



**Marcella Jayne, Fordham Law School**, will fulfill her fellowship at the New York City office of the Federal Trade Commission. “Receiving the Antitrust fellowship has offered me an invaluable opportunity to evolve my approach to addressing economic injustice. I am extremely grateful for the rare opportunity to work on consumer protection and antitrust issues with the Federal Trade Commission through this fellowship and learn about how the law can do more than mitigate harm but affirmatively address economic injustice on a macro level.”



**Sean Murray, Fordham Law School**, will fulfill his fellowship in the U.S. Department of Justice, “I am elated to receive this prestigious fellowship from The New York Bar Foundation and look forward to learning from the experienced antitrust attorneys at the Department of Justice Antitrust Division's New York Field Office.”

### **Corporate Counsel**

The Corporate Counsel Section fellowship provides one law student with a \$6,000 fellowship and the opportunity to gain experience at a New York public interest legal or charitable organization. The student will assist the organization’s general counsel (or other similar individual holding a counsel position) with matters relating to counsel or advice to the organization.



**DeClan McPherson, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University**, will fulfill his fellowship at Urban Justice Center, New York City, where he will assist its Community Development

Project director with organizational matters, such as advice on governance to community-based organizations, including entity structure, bylaws, and board governance.

“It is an honor to receive the 2015 Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship,” states McPherson. “I would like to thank The New York Bar Foundation for this exciting opportunity. This placement serves as the perfect nexus between my passions for law and community organizing. I look forward to aiding the Urban Justice Center’s Community Development Project in their pursuit of social justice through the law and grassroots activism.”

### **Elder Law and Special Needs**

The Honorable Joel K. Asarch Scholarship of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section encourages law students, through an elder law clinic experience, to learn about important legislative developments, regulations, and case laws impacting the elderly and to assist with representation to elderly clients struggling with a variety of legal issues and problems related to aging and incapacity. Two \$2,500 scholarships were awarded. The recipients are:



**Vanessa Cavallaro, Touro Law School.** “I am very honored and grateful to receive the 2015 Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship. I have heard what a special person Judge Asarch was within the Touro Law Center and greater legal community. I am honored to continue my advocacy work for the aging population in the name of someone so esteemed. Receiving this award is a major highlight of my law school career and one I will remember fondly. This scholarship has enabled me to focus on schoolwork instead of the financial constraints of tuition. I thank the New York Bar Foundation, and Elder Law and Special Needs Section for selecting me to receive their annual scholarship, I look forward to participating in this section of the New York State Bar Association throughout my career.”



**Chelsea Breakstone, City University of New York.** “The New York Bar Foundation’s Honorable Joel K. Asarch Elder Law and Special Needs Section Scholarship is an essential source of funding to

support me in interning this semester with the Legal Aid Society and co-authoring a scholarly article on low-income elderly and aging populations faced with guardianship proceedings. I am very humbled by the award and thankful to all those involved. I am looking forward to continuing the work started as a student intern in CUNY's Elder Law Clinic by pursuing a career serving the low-income elderly and aging populations of New York."

### **Trusts and Estates Law**

The Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowship program provides students an opportunity to experience trusts and estates law practice. Through the Fellowship, the student will be provided supervised experience in the chambers of Judge Barbara Howe, Erie County Surrogate's Court; Judge Peter J. Kelley, Queens County Surrogate's Court; Judge Robert J. Gigante, Richmond County Surrogate's Court; and Judge Ava Raphael, Onondaga County Surrogate's Court. Three \$5,000 fellowships and one \$2,500 part-time fellowship are awarded. The recipients are:



**Deanna Cucharale of Albany Law School: the chambers of Judge Ava Raphael.** "I am very honored to have received the 2015 Trusts and Estates Law Section Fellowship. I look forward to my experience working with Judge Raphael. Thank you!"



**Imaan Moughal of Hofstra Law School: the chambers of Judge Peter J. Kelley.** "I am looking forward to the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and knowledge at Queens Surrogate's Court in order to pursue a career in trusts and estates. The combination of my course work and internship experience has provided me with a substantive background in trusts and estates that I hope to build upon and put to use at a firm."



**Michael J. Schroeder of SUNY Buffalo Law School: the chambers of Judge Howe.** “I am excited to work with Judge Howe and her staff at Erie County Surrogate’s Court this summer. I am grateful for this opportunity and for the support provided by The New York Bar Foundation and the Trusts and Estates Law Section.”



**Marie Villefranche of Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law: the chambers of Judge Gigante.** “Thank you and the committee so very much for this opportunity! I am extremely excited to join the Chambers of the Honorable Robert J. Gigante this summer.”

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