Please note: Some student leaders are engaged in efforts to raise additional funds for their Caravans through grants and sponsorship. Please reach out to Caravan leaders directly for more details.

2014 Spring Break Caravans Description and Application Instructions

**Application Instructions**

1. Complete the online application (for more info and application, visit: [http://web.law.columbia.edu/social-justice/students/pro-bono/caravans](http://web.law.columbia.edu/social-justice/students/pro-bono/caravans))
2. After completing the online application, email a PDF of your resume to clsprobono47@gmail.com with subject heading: “Spring Break Caravan Resume”.
3. All application materials must be received **by Friday, January 10th, 5pm.**
4. Caravan Placement/Waitlist notifications will be emailed by **Wednesday, January 29th.**
5. Fifty dollar check deposit due (to secure placement in Caravan) by **Wednesday, February 5th, 5:00 pm.**

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1. New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice (BLSA)  New Orleans, LA
Sponsored by Black Law Students Association (BLSA).
2 Openings
Project Details: Students will engage in legal work that touches on areas of employment law, immigration law, and housing law, doing legal research and drafting legal memos. Students will also have the opportunity to work directly with the community residents that NOWCRJ serves. Additional Requirements/Preferences: All may apply but preference will be given to 2Ls/3Ls who have not fulfilled their pro-bono requirement.
Student Organization Representative: Christopher Wilds, Cwilds718@gmail.com
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $150

2. California Appellate Project of San Francisco  San Francisco, CA
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network (CJAN).
10-12 Openings
Project Details: The California Appellate Project in San Francisco (CAP-SF) is a non-profit corporation established by the State Bar of California in 1983 as a legal resource center to implement the constitutional right to counsel for indigent persons facing execution. CAP serves the largest population of condemned individuals in the country and is funded primarily by a contract with the Judicial Council of California. Possible projects include: marshaling facts and research for habeas petitions, reviewing client files and transcripts as necessary to research and obtain critical life history records for the representation of a capital defendant; creating a life chronology of existing client records to assist attorneys and investigators representing a capital client; assisting with legal research concerning prison or records-gathering issues on an as-needed basis; drafting an update to CAP’s website publication using the results of this research and/or drafting an advocacy letter on behalf of a client or clients; performing factual research concerning a California prison or jail or juvenile detention facility to assist with institutional failure claims; ordering legislative materials; performing web research & legal research into lawsuits against the prison; contacting local newspapers & libraries for information; drafting an authoritative memorandum about that particular prison to be published on website; performing substantive research into an institutional failure related topic; performing legal research into a client and/or prison related issue; assisting client with pursuing a grievance or court case.
Student Organization Representative: Ethan Stone, ehs2144@columbia.edu
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $150

3. Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana  New Orleans, LA
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network (CJAN).
5 Openings
Project Details: JJPL’s mission is to transform the juvenile justice system into one that builds on the strengths of young people, families and communities to ensure children are given the greatest opportunities to grow and thrive. In the past, volunteers have visited a youth facility, interviewed the youth JJPL serves, attended a legislative session/hearing, analyzed bills introduced in the legislature, researched a variety of topics related to juvenile justice and drafted pleadings.
Student Organization Representative: Ethan Stone, ehs2144@columbia.edu
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $150

4. Public Defender Service of D.C.  Washington, DC
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network (CJAN).
5-15 Openings
Project Details: The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) provides and promotes quality legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in the District of Columbia and thereby protects society’s interest in the fair administration of justice. PDS is a federally funded, independent organization, governed by an eleven-member Board of Trustees. Possible projects: short term parole appeals, research and writing assignments within the context of our appellate practice, work with our general counsel (probably legislative), and generalized trial assignment.
5. The Bronx Defenders  Bronx, NY
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network (CJAN).

3 Openings
Project Details: The Bronx Defenders are credited with pioneering the concept of the “holistic defense.” Clients defended by the Bronx Defenders aren’t just given an attorney: they’re assigned to a team, which includes not only attorneys but also social workers, to help them resolve not just their case but a host of problems. The focus is not just getting people out of jail, but keeping them out. The Bronx Defenders has criminal attorneys, family attorneys (who represent parents whose children have been taken away), and a housing attorney. Caravan participants will work one of 3 projects: one criminal defense project, one family defense project and one civil practice project.
Additional Requirements/Preferences: Interest in racial justice; experience in community organizing or community outreach.

Student Organization Representative: Ethan Stone, ehs2144@columbia.edu
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $50

6. Miami-Dade Public Defender Service  Miami, FL
Sponsored by Criminal Justice Action Network (CJAN).

2 Openings
Project Details: MDPD strives to have a public defender’s office that is a national model, provides quality legal representation, treats clients with dignity and respect, is a guardian of liberty, justice, civil liberties and human rights, recruits and retains talented and diverse staff, and has employees committed to life-long learning, personal and professional growth. Their mission is to effectively and zealously represent court-appointed clients who are at risk of losing their life or liberty.

Student Organization Representative: Ethan Stone, ehs2144@columbia.edu
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $150

7. Myanmar Justice for All (JFA)  Yangon, Myanmar
Sponsored by the Columbia Society of International Law (CSIL).

5-6 Openings
Project Details: Founded in 2011 by a group of well-known lawyers in Myanmar, JFA is an independent civil society organization committed to the advancement of human rights and the rule of law. JFA works in partnership with civil society organizations to promote human rights and improve legal mechanisms for rights protection and enforcement. A member of the Myanmar Legal Aid Network (MLAW), JFA conducts a variety of activities related to advancing access to justice and rights awareness, including pro bono legal aid to those who cannot afford a lawyers and training seminars on constitutional law, citizens' rights, democracy, land rights, and international human rights law. Students will contribute to numerous JFA initiatives in the context of Burma’s historic democratic transition.
Additional Requirements/Preferences: Previous experience in Myanmar or in the region, civil rights law, rule of law initiatives, or international human rights. Knowledge of the Burmese language preferred but not required. CSIL membership preferred. Students should plan to bring their own computers.

Student Organization Representative: Levon Golendukhin, levon.golendukhin@law.columbia.edu
CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person: $225

8. Legal Resources Centre (LRC)  Grahamstown, South Africa
Sponsored by Columbia Society of International Law (CSIL) and Education Law & Policy Society (EdLaw).

5-6 Openings
Project Details: The Legal Resources Centre (LRC) is South Africa's leading public interest law center. The Grahamstown Office is dedicated to using impact litigation to help children obtain
their right to basic education. Students will travel to South Africa to engage in documentation of school conditions in the rural Transkei region and interview teachers and learners. Students will also conduct research and draft legal documents, based on their fieldwork, to help the LRC institute legal action.

**Additional Requirements/Preferences:** Students with an interest in human rights, education, and/or South Africa are encouraged to apply. Students should plan to bring their own laptops. No language skills required. Preference will be given to students with human rights fieldwork experience.

**Student Organization Representative:** Nathiya Nagendra, nn2287@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $225

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**9. Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, Jordan**

Amman, Jordan

Sponsored by Columbia Society of International Law (CSIL) and Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (SIRR).

**5 Openings**

**Project Details:** Students will travel to Amman, Jordan to provide direct legal assistance to Iraqi and Syrian refugees with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP). Students will participate in training on how to interview victims of torture and will conduct client intake interviews for IRAP with refugees in urgent situations. Students will have outreach meetings with local NGOs to learn more about the situation facing refugees on the ground in the Middle East. Students will meet with representatives from the UN Mission in Amman and participate in a training hosted by the U.S. government for refugees resettling in the United States.

**Additional Requirements/Preferences:** Previous IRAP experience, CSIL and/or SIRR membership, Arabic language experience, experience in refugee or immigration law.

**Student Organization Representative:** Alisa Romney, adr2156@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $225

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**10. Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center**

Whitesburg, KY

Sponsored by Environmental Law Society.

**3-6 Openings**

**Project Details:** The Environmental Law Society’s caravan will travel to Whitesburg, Kentucky to work with the Appalachian Citizens’ Law Center in its mission to provide justice for the people of a region deeply affected by extractive industries. The students will assist the center with a number of legal projects, such as a standing clinic to educate citizens about the requirements necessary to establish standing in environmental cases. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their litigation skills by performing legal research and drafting sections of briefs for ongoing cases.

**Student Organization Representative:** Matt Sienkiewicz, mjs2301@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

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**11. Wisconsin Judicaire**

Wausau, WI

Sponsored by Midwest Society.

**5-10 Openings**

**Project Details:** Students will travel and work with Judicare staff attorneys to conduct a series of Will Clinics for American Indians residing throughout Wisconsin. To prepare for the Clinics, students will receive training on Indian Law, Basic Estate Planning, the American Indian Probate Reform Act, and the procedures and processes for the Clinics. During the Clinics, students will travel with one or more staff attorneys to different reservations or tribal communities in Wisconsin to conduct a day long Will Clinic.

**Student Organization Representative:** Ian Fisher ipf2105@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

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**12. Navajo Nation Department of Justice**

Window Rock, AZ

Sponsored by the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA).

**7 Openings**

**Project Details:** Students will travel to Window Rock, Arizona to work with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice. There are six different units available to work in: Tax Unit, Human
Service & Government Unit, Economic and Community Development Unit, Natural Resources Unit, Water Rights Unit, and Labor and Employment Unit. Caravan participants will write a brief cover letter expressing which unit they would like to be placed in. This caravan will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the unique legal issues facing Native American communities while providing legal services to a community in need.

**Additional Requirements/Preferences:** There are no requirements for participation in this caravan. However, a genuine interest in working with Indian tribes and/or indigent populations is preferred.

**Student Organization Representative:** Jacob Wolf, jacobwolf18@gmail.com

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

Sponsored by the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA).

**7 Openings**

**Project Details:** Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS) provides legal services to indigent clients and practices in both tribal and state courts. The organization's clients are mostly Native Americans, and DPLS practices mainly in the following areas of law: family law, consumer law, abuse and neglect, housing and wills. Interns participating in the caravan will assist attorneys at DPLS with their clients, cases, or other relevant legal work, and some students may be asked to work with the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Attorney General or Tribal Court divisions.

**Additional Requirements/Preferences:** There are no requirements for participation in this caravan. However, we ask that students have a genuine interest in working with indigent populations and/or Indian tribes.

**Student Organization Representative:** JoAnn Kintz, jlk2110@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

**14. Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project** El Paso, TX
Sponsored by Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (SIRR) and Workers’ Rights Student Coalition (WRSC).

**3 Openings**

**Project Details:** Students will work on a variety of legal pleadings and research memos. This can be anything from helping draft declarations for VAWA/U-Visa packets, assisting with requests for evidence or investigating complex immigration issues that we don't have time to do ourselves. Students may also get exposure to civil rights work which often overlaps with immigration work on the border.

**Student Organization Representative:** Carolyn Shanahan, cshanahan12@gmail.com

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $170

**15. New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice (SIRR and WRSC)** New Orleans, LA
Sponsored by Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (SIRR) and Workers’ Rights Student Coalition (WRSC).

**2 Openings**

**Project Details:** This caravan at NOWCRJ will involve legal support to grassroots organizing projects that build power for immigrant workers, protect workers’ rights to organize, and provide support to directly-affected peoples fighting against the criminalization of immigrants by local and federal law enforcement and for dignified migration and employment. The current work of the legal department includes federal impact litigation and law reform cases, strategic membership defense against unlawful raids, deportation, and detention, administrative advocacy, and campaign research and support. Practice areas include immigrant rights, civil rights, workers’ rights, and criminal justice and immigration reform.

**Student Organization Representative:** Heewon Kim, hk2713@columbia.edu

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

**16. Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center** El Paso, TX
Sponsored by Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (SIRR) and Workers’ Rights Student Coalition (WRSC).

**4-5 Openings**
**Project Details:** Las Americas is a non-profit serving the legal needs of low-income immigrants, including refugees and battered women. Las Americas is located in El Paso, Texas near the port of entry with the second highest number of land crossings into the United States. Students this year will work with the Crime Victims' Visa Coordinator.

**Additional Requirements/Preferences:** Students should have an interest in immigration law and public service. Spanish-speaking a plus.

**Student Organization Representative:** Carolyn Shanahan, cshanahan12@gmail.com

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $170

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17. **San Jose Record Clearance Project** San Jose, CA

Sponsored by Society for Chinese Law

15 Openings

**Project Details:** Students will be trained in expungement law and assist at least two clients to complete petitions for dissmissals of all eligible criminal convictions in court. Law students will work in partnership with Record Clearance Project advanced students in interviewing their clients and completing their cases. Presentations by speakers will enhance the students’ understanding of their work; in past years, this has included attending an expungement court hearing and discussions with former clients, state and federal judges, criminal justice officials and others who can talk about the importance of clearing individuals’ criminal records.

**Student Organization Representative:** Ali Borochoff-Porte, alisonborochoffporte@gmail.com

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $150

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18. **Jamaicans for Justice** Kingston, Jamaica

Sponsored by Windmeadow Glens/Older and Wiser Law Students (OWLS)

5 Openings

**Project Details:** Founded in 1999, Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ) is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-violent citizens’ rights action organization that advocates for good governance and improvements in state accountability and transparency. JFJ primarily works with victims whose rights have been breached by members of the security forces spanning unlawful search or detention, to excessive use of force and extra-judicial killings. The organization tries to help everyone who seeks it help. In addition to providing legal support via giving advice and providing legal representation in Coroners’ Courts JFJ operates a variety of programs to promote good governance and advance the rights of all Jamaican citizens. The organization also has a library of human rights, legal, social and political literature for the public to access. Students will be: (1) researching Jamaica's new human rights charter and how it will/may affect the standard of inquiry for the Coroner's Court (the country's lowest court), and possibly (2) researching/editing/contributing to the NGO's report to the UN on Jamaica’s compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Student Organization Representatives:** Allison McCarty, amm2352@columbia.edu, and Matt Young, mcy2107@columbia.edu.

**CLS Financial Aid Award Per Person:** $225