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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you so much for celebrating the Berkeley Law Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala with us! It was a truly special evening, and it would not have been the same without your presence and support.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and your shared commitment to advancing justice. Because of you, BLF can continue to fund and uplift law students and graduates dedicated to serving communities and addressing the root causes of inequality. A special thank you to our founders, Ira Kurzban and Lewis Kornhauser.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of Daniel Magraw, Terry and Douglas Young, and Kathleen Vanden Heuvel. And a big shout out to the volunteers who did the work for this event - Katarina Blandón, Nia Hilson, Leilani Stewart, Natch Valverde, Kiara Williams and especially Alynia Phillips - your leadership has been stellar.

Celebrating this milestone alongside such an inspiring community made the evening all the more meaningful. Thank you for being part of BLF's legacy and future.

With sincere appreciation,

BERKELEY LAW FOUNDATION

*Berkeley Law Foundation*

# 50TH

## ANNIVERSARY GALA

APRIL 9, 2026

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# WELCOME FROM THE *President*

Dear Friends, Alumni, and Supporters,

Welcome to the Berkeley Law Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala.

Tonight, we gather not only to celebrate a milestone but also to honor a legacy: five decades of investing in bold ideas, principled advocacy, and the enduring pursuit of justice. Since 1976, the Berkeley Law Foundation has empowered generations of students and graduates to transform their passion into action, supporting work that advances equity, uplifts communities, and challenges systems of injustice.

As we reflect on the past 50 years, we also look ahead with urgency and hope. The challenges facing our communities are complex, but so too is the creativity and resolve of those who rise to meet them. Together, we will continue to invest in the next generation of advocates and reimagine what justice can be.

Thank you for being part of this community and for celebrating this moment with us.

With gratitude,

HOLLY BALDWIN

*Berkeley Law Foundation Board President*

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# PROGRAM *Schedule*

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|---|---|
| 6:00PM | DINNER BUFFET AND BAR OPEN |
| 6:45PM | PROGRAM OPEN |
| 7:00PM | DEAN'S REMARKS |
| 7:30PM | PROGRAM END |
| 8:30PM | SILENT AUCTION CLOSE |

For 50 years, the Berkeley Law Foundation has invested in bold ideas, courageous advocates, and communities too often left behind.

Through fellowships and grants, BLF has empowered law students and graduates to pursue justice, not as an abstract ideal, but as daily, transformative work.

**BLF is proud to have sponsored a number of fellows at these important California organizations:**

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS

### EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER

*Support EBCLC*

The EBCLC advances justice and builds community by providing high-quality legal services and policy advocacy responsive to the needs of low-income communities, while training future attorneys to become skilled, principled advocates. Through its dual mission, EBCLC not only meets urgent legal needs but also invests in the next generation of lawyers committed to addressing the root causes of racial and economic injustice and poverty.

### LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Support LSNC*

For nearly seven decades, LSNC has advanced civil rights and expanded access to justice by providing high-quality legal services that empower low-income individuals and communities to confront the root causes and consequences of poverty. Serving 23 counties across Northern California, LSNC delivers critical civil legal assistance to tens of thousands of vulnerable residents each year, while also engaging in sophisticated advocacy through litigation, legislation, administrative action, and community-based initiatives.

### CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE

*Support CRLA*

For nearly six decades, CRLA has been a leading advocate for justice in rural communities, working to dismantle systemic inequalities and expand opportunity for low-income Californians. Founded in 1966, CRLA provides free, high-quality civil legal services to farmworkers, immigrants, and other underserved populations across the state's rural regions. Through a combination of direct legal representation, impact litigation, community education, and policy advocacy, CRLA addresses critical issues including housing, workers' rights, education, environmental justice, and access to healthcare.

# THE BROUSSARD PHOENIX FELLOWSHIP

**The Broussard Phoenix Fellowship is awarded to incoming Berkeley Law students from diverse backgrounds who exhibit a passion for public interest law.**

**Class of 2001:**
*Monika Batra Kashyap*

**Class of 2002:**
*Isela Castenada*
*Eduardo Luna*

**Class of 2003:**
*Alegria De La Cruz*

**Class of 2004:**
*Sarah Bond*
*Sandra Gallardo*

**Class of 2005:**
*Luz Valverde*
*Salomon Zavala*

**Class of 2006:**
*Bethelwel Wilson*
*Wanda Hasadri*
*Lillian Hardy*

**Class of 2007:**
*Daniel J. Aguilar*
*C'reda Weeden*

**Class of 2008:**
*Jessica Mendoza*
*Jennifer M. Gómez*

**Class of 2009:**
*Vina Ha*
*Samorn Selim*

***Class of 2010:***
*Samika Boyd*
*Miguel Manriquez*

***Class of 2011:***
*Aaron Bianco*
*Tam Mai Ma*

**Class of 2012:**
*Amaha Imanuel Kassa*
*Yanin Senachai*

**Class of 2013:**
*Sonja Diaz*
*Diana Rashid*

**Class of 2014:**
*Alejandro Francisco Delgado*
*Maria Sofia Corona Gomez*

**Class of 2015:**
*Tamila Gesham*
*Bryan Lopez*

**Class of 2016:**
*Evelyn Rangel-Medina*
*Jerome Pierce*

**Class of 2017:**
*Martha Camarillo Freston*
*Seema Rupani*

**Class of 2018:**
*Paul Monge Rodriguez*
*Hamza Jaka*

**Class of 2019:**
*Mariam Azhar*
*Ana Duong*

**Class of 2020:**
*Saxon Cropper-Sykes*
*Lana El-Farra*

**Class of 2021:**
*Jasjit Mundh*
*Savelle Jefferson*

**Class of 2022:**
*Isabel Cortes*
*Ariel Flores Mena*

**Class of 2023:**
*Forogh Bashizada*
*Lucero Cordova*

**Class of 2024:**
*Kyndra Cleveland*
*Langston Glaude*
*KD Harbeck*
*Angelica Rodriguez*

**Class of 2025:**
*Jamie Floyd*
*Anan Hafez*
*Lucia Lopez*
*Karen Ramirez Torres*
*Dominck Williams*

**Class of 2026:**
*Victoria Esparza*
*Faith Magbero*
*Susan Naseri*
*Tenzin Yigha*

**Class of 2027:**
*Hadeel Amir*
*Amber Farrell*
*Laith Hourani*
*Leak Ly*
*Suaad Nour*
*Brayan Ortiz Ramos*
*Khue Tran*

**Class of 2028:**
*Mansoor Alam*
*Payton Dougherty*
*Cassandra Gatica*
*Asma Masude*
*Michelle Ramirez*
*Kat St. Martin*

# 50 YEARS OF

## BUILDING LIFELONG COMMITMENT

*"The work I started has expanded beyond what I thought it would be."*
*— Ismaail Qaiyim*

*"Our project created continuity between community organizing and legal services, empowering people to become agents of change."*
*— Alegría De La Cruz*

## LAUNCHING CAREERS IN JUSTICE

*"As a first-generation, low-income law student, BLF's financial support allowed me to focus on my studies and pursue my dream career in public service."*
*— Jasjit Mundh*

*"BLF gave me the courage to use my law degree to innovate and do the work I wanted for social change."*
*— Kimberly Baker Medina*

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

*"The work that is accomplished with your help ensures justice for low-income people."*
*— Cristina Guerrero*

## SUPPORTING INNOVATION AND COURAGE

*"Because BLF believed in my ideas, I spent my career believing that creative problem-solving was possible."*
*— Julia Wilson*

# YEAR LONG *Grantees*

Victoria Chin
*Asian Law Caucus*
*1976-77*

Paul Silver & Bob Funk
*Center for Independent Living in Berkeley*
*1977-78*

Donna Hitchens
*Equal Rights Advocates*
*1977-78*

Lujuana Treadwell
*BANANAS in Berkeley & The San Francisco Lawyer's Committee on Urban Affairs*
*1978-79*

Ellen Barry
*Legal Services for Prisoners with Children*
*1978-79*

Rita Bank
*Columbus Community Legal Services Clinic*
*1979–80*

Nicholas George Rodriguez
*El Centro de Accion Social*
*1979–80*

Donna Myers Ambrogi
*Legal Assistance for the Elderly*
*1979–80*

Amanda Hawes,
Carolyn Langenkamp
& Blythe Nikelson
*Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health*
1980–81

Tom Nazario
*USF Community Legal Education Program*
*1980–81*

Harriet Prensky
*Bet Tzedek Legal Services*
*1981–82*

Jo Ann Abramson
*D.C. Housing Law Project*
*1981–82*

Karen Knopp O'Kinski
*D.C. Housing Law Project*
*1981–82*

Ramiro Castro
*La Raza Centro Legal*
*1981–82*

Jay Koslofsky
*Oakland Tenant Union*
*1981–82*

Elizabeth Hendrickson
*Bay Area Battered Womens' Shelters*
*1982–83*

Peter Pitegoff
*Industrial Cooperative Association*
*1982–83*

Randy Shaw
*North of Market Planning Commission*
*1982–83*

Miriam Hayward
*The Most Holy Redeemer Church*
*1982–83*

Eliseo Sisneros
*California Rural Legal Assistance*
*1983–84*

Enrique Monguia
*Mission Community Legal Defense, Inc.*
*1983–84*

Sharon Ngim
*San Francisco Chinatown's Cameron House*
*1983–84*

David Schott
*Mental Health Advocacy Project*
*1984–85*

Bess Murchison Brewer
*National Senior Citizens Law Center & the National Health Program*
*1984–85*

Benjamin Schatz
*AIDS Civil Rights Project*
*1985–86*

Sandy Weiner
*El Rescate*
*1985–86*

Gail Smith
*John Howard Association & the Committee to Aid Inmates in Need*
*1985–86*

Michael Harris
*San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation*
*1985–86*

Lee Brooke Phillips
*Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee*
*1986–87*

Karen Schryver
*Prison Law Office*
*1986–87*

Angelo A. DiGangi
*Community Advocacy Center, CAC*
*1987–88*

Sandy Weiner
*Income Rights Project in San Francisco*
*1987–88*

Jennifer Linder Wright
*Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County*
*1987–88*

Lisa Parsons
*Bar Association of San Francisco*
*1988–89*

Brad Adams
*East Bay Community Law Center*
*1988–89*

*Alison Hardy*
*Prison Law Office*
*1988–89*

David Robinson
*Community Action for Legal Services Legal Support Unit*
*1989–90*

Kim Baker
*Income Rights Project (San Francisco, CA)*
*1989–90*

Claire Schwartz
*East Bay Community Law Center*
*1990–91*

Natalie Hanlon
*Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver*
*1990–91*

Dania Wong
*Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz Project*
*1990–91*

Alyssa Simpson
*Central American Refugee Center of Los Angeles*
*1991–92*

Julie Gutman
*East Palo Alto Community Law Project*
*1991–92*

Dayna Deck
*People Living with AIDS Project*
*1991–92*

Christopher Jones
*Greater Orlando Area Legal Services*
*1992–93*

Rosa Fregoso
*Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles/Asian Pacific American Legal Center*
*1992–93*

Heather MacKay
*Redwood Legal Assistance/Prison Law Office/Legal Services for Prisoners with Children*
*1992–93*

Cristina Guerrero
*Justicia Y Derado – Detention Representacion Project*
*1993–94*

Noelani Loo Jai
*Legal Services for Children*
*1993–94*

Cynthia Dailard
*National Women's Law Center*
*1994–95*

Rebecca Gudeman
*Public Counsel*
*1994–95*

Amagda Perez
*UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic*
*1995–96*

Erica Etelson
*Welfare Fraud Defense Center*
*1995–96*

Aliza Organick
*Access to Health Care and Economic Justice for Minors*
*1996–97*

Leslie Mansfield
*Access to Health Care and Economic Justice for Minors*
*1996–97*

Caleb Rush
*Redwood Legal Assistance*
*1996–97*

Andrea G. Black
*Florence Immigrant and Refugee Project*
*1997–98*

Vitaly Kurly
*Legal Services for Children*
*1997–98*

Julia R. Wilson
*Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County*
*1998–99*

Lisa D'Souza
*Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid*
*1998–99*

Sarah Price
*Chicago Coalition for the Homeless*
*1999–2000*

Martha Chavarin-Romero
*Immigrant Legal Resource Center of San Francisco*
*1999–2000*

Jon Givner
*Legal Services of Northern California*
*2000–01*

Daniel Tellalian
*Urban Analysis Project*
*2000–01*

Jessica Boell
*ACLU Immigrant's Rights Project*
*2001–02*

Monalisa Vu
*Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach*
*2001–02*

Melissa Froehle
*Central Minnesota Legal Services*
*2002–03*

Eddie Genna
*Community Legal Services of Phoenix*
*2002–03*

Tirien Steinbach
*East Bay Community Law Center*
*2002–03*

Dean P. Spade
*LGYP Urban Justice Center in NY*
*2002–03*

Alegria De La Cruz
*California Rural Legal Assistance Project*
*2003–04*

Maria Jaime
*California Rural Legal Assistance Project*
*2003–04*

Aila Malik
*Fresh Lifelines for Youth*
*2004–05*

Patricio Rossi
*2004–05*

*Shane Caya*
*Transgender Law Center*
*2005–06*

Marcela Ruiz
*California Rural Legal Assistance*
*2006–07*

Caitlin Barry
*Nationalities Services Center*
*2007–08*

Britton Schwartz
*Community Water Center*
*2008–09*

Riddhi Mukhopadhyay
*Northwest Immigrant Rights Project*
*2009–10*

Michael Geoghegan
*Community to Community Development (C2C) / Columbia Legal Services (Farm Worker Cooperative Project)*
*2010–11*

Daniel Redman
*National Center for LGBTQ+ Rights*
*2010–11*

Lydia Edwards
*Brazilian Immigrant Center's Domestic Worker Organizing Initiative*
*2011-2012*

Sebastian Sanchez
*Make the Road New York (MRNY)*
*2012–13*

Cory Isaacson
*East Bay Community Law Center*
*2013–14*

Maria Sofia Corona Gómez
*ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties*
*2014–15*

Tasha Hil
*ACLU of Southern California*
*2015–16*

Mihal Rose Ansik
*A New Way of Life Reentry Project*
*2016–17*

Alexis Erkert Depp
*Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)*
*2017–18*

Courtney Arnold
*Legal Counsel for the Elderly (AARP's LCE)*
*2018–19*

Ismaail Qaiyim
*Latin American Coalition*
*2019–20*

Chloe Cotton
*Native American Rights Fund (NARF)*
*2020–21*

Joana Peraza Lizarraga
*California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF)*
*2021–22*

Victoria Sun
*Pangea Legal Services*
*2022–24*

Sarah Chen Small
*Communities for a Better Enviornment*
*2023–24*

Gita Connolly
*Immigrant Justice Clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School's Economic Justice Institute*
*2024–25*

Patricia Okonta
*Public Justice*
*2025-26*