LEADERS FOR JUSTICE

ATJI is committed to strengthening the capacity of law students to provide leadership for a more just and humane world.

Examples of such efforts include:

**LEADERSHIP FOR JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP:** ATJI oversees this program which provides a one-year $40,000 post-graduate fellowship for recent law graduates. The Fellowship strives to build upon the leadership capacity of students who are committed to social justice by creating opportunities to work on behalf of marginalized or underserved communities once they graduate.

**LAWYERING IN A DIVERSE WORLD:** ATJI collaborates with the Office of Student Life and students to develop and coordinate the Lawyering in a Diverse World workshop series, which aims to give students concrete skills and tools related to inclusion, diversity and cross-difference competence.

**WASHINGTON STATE ACCESS TO BOARD LAW SCHOOL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** ATJI is an integral partner in this effort by faculty, staff and students from all three Washington law schools as well as statewide Alliance for Equal Justice partners to develop programming and strategies to prepare the next generation of equal justice lawyers.

CONTACT US

We invite you to meet with us to find out more information about our programs and to help you get connected to public interest and social justice work. For an appointment, contact James Tan at tanj@seattleu.edu or 206-398-4173.

To learn more about the Access to Justice Institute, please visit www.seattleu.edu/x1864.xml. You can also visit our blog at atji.blogspot.com and like us on Facebook!
ATJI collaborates with local, statewide and national social justice and public interest organizations to develop opportunities for meaningful community engagement. For example, ATJI develops Partnership Projects which provide opportunities for law students to volunteer throughout the year.

Examples of Partnership Projects include:

**IMMIGRANT DETAINEE JUSTICE PROJECT:** Law student volunteers attend, observe, and analyze detained court proceedings at the Northwest Detention Center to help attorneys at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project gain better information and provide legal assistance.

**MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP WITH SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER:** Through the Partnership’s Public Benefits Assistance Project, law student interns work with medical and social worker staff at Swedish Medical Center to assist elderly patients with the application process for in-home care benefits.

In addition to getting involved with ATJI Partnership Projects, students can get involved with various short-term and long-term public interest opportunities with equal justice organizations. ATJI links students to these opportunities as well as post-graduate fellowship opportunities, social justice conferences, trainings, and events through our blog (atji.blogspot.com) and Facebook Fan Page.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MONDAYS:** ATJI works with the student-led Social Justice Coalition and Student Bar Association to coordinate Social Justice Mondays, a weekly series in which the university community can hear from different social justice-focused panels, speakers, forums or films every Monday.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INTEREST RETREATS AND CONFERENCES:** ATJI facilitates law school community participation in local, regional and national conferences including the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference, the Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat (involving a consortium of west coast law schools), the WA Access to Justice Board Law School Relations’ Public Interest Mini-Conference, and the Annual WA Access to Justice Conference.

ATJI facilitates collaborative efforts between faculty and community service organizations that strengthen the tie between law students’ academic excellence and education for justice.

Examples of such efforts include:

**LEGAL WRITING COLLABORATIVE:** ATJI connects Legal Writing faculty with social justice legal organizations in order to assign first-year law students legal writing problems which are directly connected to the work of organizations such as Northwest Justice Project, Columbia Legal Services, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, National Employment Law Project, Legal Voice, Disability Rights Washington, ACLU, and the Seattle University Predatory Lending and Immigration Law Clinics.

**FIRST YEAR SPEAKER SERIES:** ATJI coordinates a speaker series for 1Ls which brings social justice lawyers, such as civil legal aid housing lawyers, to demonstrate the relevance of first-year courses like Property and Contracts to equal justice advocacy.