BECOME AN ATJI FIRST YEAR FELLOW!

As a home for pro bono, public interest, and social justice activities, the Access to Justice Institute (ATJI) prepares students for a lifetime in law in furtherance of social justice.

WHAT IS THE ATJI FIRST YEAR FELLOWS PROGRAM?

This year-long program is designed to give a group of selected 1Ls a unique opportunity to explore and prepare for a career in public interest or social justice work. It is also a terrific way to connect with other students and attorneys who share common interests and career goals. The Fellowship experience includes monthly workshops as well as networking and mentorship from attorneys and community leaders.

EXPECTATIONS

Attend monthly workshops scheduled around your 1L class schedule. There will be two Fall sessions: October 2nd and November 6th, noon to 1 p.m. Topics may include:

- Public Interest Careers
- Current Climate for Low-Income Families in Washington
- Day in the Life of a Public Interest Attorney
- Cultural Competency/Working with Clients in Poverty
- Client Interviewing
- Professional Responsibility for Law Student Interns
- Courthouse Visit
- Poverty Simulation
- Finding, Applying for, and Interviewing for Public Interest Positions
- Networking Opportunities with Public Interest Attorneys

APPLICATION PROCESS

1L students interested in becoming an ATJI First Year Fellow must provide a 1-page personal statement that answers the following:

1. What in your personal or professional background has motivated you to explore a career in public interest?
2. What motivated your decision to come to law school?
3. What do you hope to gain from becoming an ATJI First Year Fellow?
4. What activities and experiences do you most hope to participate in during law school?

Applications must be submitted by email NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, to Cindy Yeung at ATJI, yeungcy@seattleu.edu.