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Inspiration From Fellowship Mentors

Exciting news!

We are just four weeks away from welcoming our Fellowship Class of 2026: Public Policy Fellows from each Fellowship law school, Sustained Impact Fellows who have competed for this Fellowship, and prior summer Fellows who are about to graduate, become Justice Jumpstart Fellows and begin their careers in public service.

A major distinguishing component of the Foundation's Fellowship program is its robust mentorship program.

In this newsletter we first salute and thank all who have served as mentors to our 400 plus Fellows over the last two decades. We invite Firm lawyers and Fellowship alums to mentor this summer. As inspiration, we present two Firm members who have done so - Rick Stilgenbauer and Glenn Willard; and Fellowship alums Mercedes Wilson-Barthes and Jordan Dansby.

Those in the Firm know that mentoring has long been a Firm's strength. The Fellowship mentoring program enables Firm attorneys, and Fellowship alums, to develop relationships with students at law schools across the country, and to learn about the public interest organizations the Foundation partners with to support and benefit the communities in which we work and live.

Fellowship alums have the satisfaction of "giving back" by sharing their insights, career paths, and passion for public service with the next generation of Fellows.

For those in the Firm, mentoring time qualifies as pro bono/public service hours, and the Foundation will reimburse all mentors for the reasonable cost of lunches or coffee breaks shared with Fellows.

We routinely receive feedback from the Fellows that mentoring relationships are a highlight of the Fellowship experience. That is due entirely to your commitment.

If you have not yet served as a Mentor and would like to, or would like to serve again, please click **SIGN ME UP!** to connect with Liz Trebbien, the head of our Mentoring Sub-Committee.

With much appreciation,
Rodney Slater, Chairman and John Oberdorfer, President

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WHAT PRIOR MENTORS SAY!

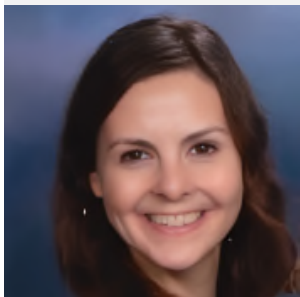


Rick Stilgenbauer: (Senior Policy Advisor, Phoenix and Board Member):

“Serving as a Mentor for the Foundation is a meaningful opportunity to invest in the next generation of legal and policy leaders. After 25 years at the intersection of government and policy, I find it incredibly rewarding to help our Fellows navigate the complexities of public service and translate their potential into impact.”



Glenn Willard (Of Counsel, Washington, D.C.): *“I serve as a mentor primarily because of the relationships; to get to know these Fellows and ... be available to provide encouragement and practical perspective where desired and needed.”*



Mercedes Wilson-Barthes: (Fellowship Class of 2020) *“Being a mentor reminds me that our future is in good hands thanks to the Foundation's and Fellows' commitment to public service. The Fellows' passion is contagious! Becoming a mentor is such an easy and gratifying way to give back to the Foundation that has given us all so much! I highly recommend it.”*



Jordan Dansby (Fellowship Class of 2010, Distinguished Fellow 2022): *“SPBF Fellows' energy and optimism invigorate me and refocus my own mind on efforts to do good. It feels great and is easy to make an introduction, or suggest an avenue of pursuit, that can really help the trajectory of a young attorney. Hard to find many opportunities like that in life.”*

DID YOU KNOW?

April is National Volunteer Month. The Foundation is an organization of volunteers. That is special. Thanks to all who generously devote time, thought and energy as we aspire, build and accomplish.

COMING NEXT MONTH: The Foundation Welcomes the Class of 2026.

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