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Greetings, Friends of the Foundation,

The Foundation celebrated America's 250th Anniversary on June 30 by inviting the Fellows to select a passage from the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution that they find most meaningful and why. Our focus on our Nation's "sacred documents" was intended to encourage Fellows and all of us to look beyond today's currents, and to build bridges by sharing the passages in our founding documents that have the most meaning for each of us.

It was an exhilarating and inspiring evening. Its backdrop was the Supreme Court's birthright citizenship decision earlier in the day.

We began with Foundation Board Chair Rodney Slater's discussion of the documents at the National Archives (he also chairs the National Archives Foundation Board) and his singling out "to form a more perfect Union" in the Preamble to the Constitution.

Following, Fellows Anthonin Minier (Science Po) spoke about France's Declaration of the Rights of Man and of Citizens, and Laurie Fralick (U. of Denver Law School) described how the Constitutions of Uganda and Malawi are modeled after ours.

Two Fellows who are naturalized citizens and one who is applying for US citizenship spoke movingly about the significance to them of key parts of the Constitution. Several other Fellows contributed to this moving evening.

To share two: Kurt Weatherford (Yale Law School) saw in the Declaration an "expression of humility," citing the Founders' idea that "fundamental questions of government should be based on the people's current, incomplete and likely-flawed understanding of what is 'most likely' to bring them safety and happiness."

2024 Fellow Antonia Adams from GW Law cited "We the People of the United States" in the Preamble to the Constitution as "promoting a sense of unity and reminding us that we are a collective whole who work to 'form a more perfect Union.'"

As we closed, several Fellows remarked about the contributions to this goal by the Foundation and the Fellowship program.

We hope you had a fitting and meaningful Independence Day celebration.

Thank You!

Rodney
Board Chair

John
President



Former Firm Public Policy Specialist Becomes a Fellow

Over the years, several Fellows later became attorneys at Squire Patton Boggs after graduating law school. The latest is Rebekah Siliezar, a Fellow in 2023, who joined the Firm as an Associate in 2025, and now serves as co-chair of the Foundation's Alumni Subcommittee. But this year we have a first -- Camilo Daza Manga, a former Squire Patton Boggs Public Policy Specialist went to law school and now is one of the Foundation's Fellows! Here's what Rebekah and Camilo have to say about their connections to the Foundation and the Law Firm.



Rebekah Siliezar

As a SPB Foundation Fellow in 2023 with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, I gained invaluable experience at the intersection of law, policy, and public service while building connections with dedicated professionals committed to advancing civil rights. The Fellowship played a significant role in shaping my career and reinforcing the importance of building strong professional networks grounded in service. Now, as an Associate at Squire Patton Boggs and Co-Chair of the Foundation Advisory Committee's Alumni subcommittee, I am excited to be fostering an engaged Fellowship alumni community that supports both the Foundation's mission and the success of its members.



Camilo Daza Manga

Prior to law school, I worked at Squire Patton Boggs as a Public Policy Specialist. Doing that work and helping to shape the policy process alongside lawyers at the firm was what drew me toward law school.

It was during that time that I first learned about the Foundation. Several colleagues had been Fellows or were closely involved, and their experiences left an impression on me well before I applied to law school. Applying for the Fellowship felt like a natural continuation of that arc. I am now a member of the Fellowship Class of 2026, interning at the FBI before returning to the University of Miami's Law School.

Global Footprint: A Summer in Malawi Assisting Two African Judiciaries

Our Fellow Laurie Fralick had to be nimble this summer. Originally slated to work in Uganda, at the last minute her work was moved to Malawi due to the Ebola outbreak in Uganda. But no matter: Laurie is doing projects for both government and reports that she has loved living in Malawi this summer.



Laurie Fralick

This summer, I am spending nine weeks living in Malawi working for the Malawi and Uganda Supreme Courts through the Sudreau Global Justice Institute, which has been partnering with African Judiciaries for over fifteen years. They focus on rule of law issues, emphasizing the importance of rule of law to global justice. This year, Malawi introduced new laws bringing plea bargaining into their judicial system. We conducted trainings with the Malawi stakeholders, including judges, prosecutors, legal aid, and local

law students to implement these new laws and relieve case backlog and prison overcrowding. Malawi has a young constitution written in 1994, and they are still writing and adjusting many laws to carry out their constitution. It is an honor and an incredible learning opportunity to serve the Supreme Court by contributing to research and writing as they shape this process.



DID YOU KNOW?

Laurie is the tenth Squire Patton Boggs Fellow to serve in continental Africa. Fellows previously have served in Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

The Squire Patton Boggs Foundation
invites you to join us for our
CELEBRATION OF OUR 2026 FELLOWS
July 21 - 22, 2026

**GATHERING WITH
2026 FELLOWS & FOUNDATION
FRIENDS**

Tuesday, July 21st
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Cactus Cantina
3300 Wisconsin Avenue
Washington, DC 20016



**2026 LUNCHEON &
FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Wednesday, July 22nd
Lunch: 12:00 pm
Program: 12:30 pm

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