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About this Session

Many law students are asking how they can use their skill set to make a difference. A critical role of law schools is redefining what it means to be a lawyer. While many believe that ‘real’ lawyering means litigating cases, this session will explore ways to guide students looking for a different path – policy advocacy, restorative justice, community lawyering, social entrepreneurship, *pro bono*, public interest organization leadership, and more.

Lawyers are more satisfied when they are meaningfully engaged. As leaders, we help students identify their values and how they can effectuate them through experiences, resources, and relationships. This session will examine how students seek alternative paths in their careers; discuss creative ways to help them explore pathways consistent with their values; and provide ideas attendees can translate into action. As we help students build bridges between their coursework and legal careers, we can help them forge paths into uncharted territory.

Schedule of Events

1:30 – 1:35 PM

Welcome

JEN TSCHIRCH

*Assistant Director of Pro Bono Programs, Georgetown University Law Center
President, AALS Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities Section*

1:35 – 2:05 PM

Panel Discussion

DIANE CHIN

*Associate Dean for Public Service and Public Interest Law
Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School*

ALANAH ODOMS HEBERT

Executive Director, ACLU Louisiana

WILLIAM P. QUIGLEY

*Professor of Law and Director of the Loyola Law Clinic & the Gillis Long
Poverty Law Center, Loyola New Orleans College of Law*

A'NIYA ROBINSON

*Student Practitioner, Community Justice Clinic,
Loyola New Orleans College of Law*

Moderated by SUE SCHECHTER

*Lecturer in Residence, Director, Field Placement Program,
University of California Berkeley School of Law*

2:05 – 2:30 PM

Group Discussion

2:30 PM

Closing Remarks

About the Panelists



DIANE CHIN

Associate Dean for Public Service and Public Interest Law, Lecturer in Law, Stanford Law School

Diane T. Chin serves Stanford Law School as its Associate Dean for Public Service and Public Interest Law. She oversees and develops many of the Levin Center's programs, teaches, plans and coordinates public interest curriculum, and engages in external relations and fundraising. She also is a member of the law school's Diversity Cabinet. An important aspect of Diane's work is to support Stanford Law students and alumni in achieving their social justice and personal goals through finding meaningful work in the law. She firmly believes that lawyers are important to creating and maintaining equality and fairness in our society and world. Beginning in 2014, along with her colleague, Titi Liu, and later with Mike Winn, Diane developed and is now implementing a program to train public interest lawyers to be more effective leaders and managers, through the Public Interest Leadership Pipeline and Sustainability Program.

Diane started her legal career as a staff attorney and Skadden Fellow at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association when she graduated from Northeastern University School of Law. She has also served as a staff attorney and project director at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Later, she worked as a housing attorney for Disability Rights California (then known as Protection & Advocacy, Inc.), as a senior trial attorney for the Office of Citizen Complaints for the San Francisco Police Commission, as executive director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights organization based in San Francisco Chinatown, and as director of Equal Justice Works/West. Diane was an adjunct member of the New College of Law faculty (Race and the Law, Constitutional Law) and an associate director of the Henderson Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley Law. Her substantive areas of practice have been within the civil rights field: hate violence, police misconduct, affirmative action, and housing discrimination. At Stanford, she also is a lecturer in law, teaching Public Interest Law and Practice, and other courses.



ALANAH ODOMS HEBERT

Executive Director, ACLU Louisiana

Alanah Odoms Hebert, a leading civil rights attorney, is the first African American woman to be named executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana. She is committed to the priorities of reducing mass incarceration and furthering racial justice in Louisiana, as well as expanding the ACLU's collaboration with marginalized communities. Current initiatives under her leadership include: the campaign to end non-unanimous jury verdicts, a destructive legacy of Louisiana's Jim Crow history, and a comprehensive statewide assessment of Louisiana's prolific pretrial detainee population.

Alanah previously served as the director of the division of children and families and deputy general counsel of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Alanah also worked as special counsel to Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, Bernette J. Johnson. Her work has included advocacy to support the establishment of a truancy center in Orleans Parish, the campaign to end indiscriminate shackling of juveniles in court, and the revision of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Articles on post conviction relief. Alanah also co-chaired the statewide effort to reduce incarceration of children through the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

In 2016, Alanah was appointed to serve as special counsel to the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force, a bipartisan team of experts that developed the policy recommendations behind Louisiana's historic package of criminal justice reforms passed the following year. In July 2018, Alanah graduated from the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholars Program, a partnership between the George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Lyndon Johnson, and George Bush presidential centers.

Alanah teaches at Tulane Law School as an adjunct lecturer in Negotiation and Mediation Advocacy. She is a graduate of Rutgers School of Law - Newark and a Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers College in New Jersey.



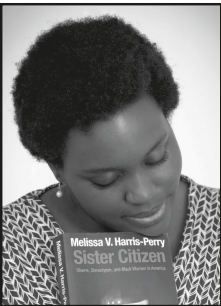
WILLIAM P. QUIGLEY

Professor of Law, Director of the Loyola Law Clinic & the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center, Loyola New Orleans College of Law

Bill Quigley is a law professor and Director of the Law Clinic and the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center at Loyola University New Orleans. Bill has been an active public interest and human rights lawyer since 1977.

Bill has served as counsel with a wide range of public interest organizations on issues including Katrina social justice issues, public housing, voting rights, death penalty, living wage, human rights, civil liberties, educational reform, constitutional rights and civil disobedience. Bill has litigated numerous cases with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., the Advancement Project, and with the ACLU of Louisiana where he was General Counsel for over 15 years. He has been an active lawyer with School of the Americas Watch and the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti. Bill served as Legal Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in NYC from 2009 to 2011 before returning to Loyola.

Bill teaches in the Law Clinic and teaches courses in Law and Poverty, Social Justice Lawyering, and Catholic Social Teaching and Law. His research and writing has focused on community lawyering, living wage, the right to a job, legal services, community organizing as part of effective lawyering, civil disobedience, high stakes testing, international human rights, revolutionary lawyering and a continuing history of how the laws have regulated the poor since colonial times. He has served as an advisor on human and civil rights to Human Rights Watch USA, Amnesty International USA, and served as the Chair of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights.



A'NIYA ROBINSON

Student Practitioner, Community Justice Clinic, Loyola New Orleans College of Law

Born and raised in South Louisiana, A'Niya is a 3L at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She currently works on housing, education, and economic justice issues as a student practitioner at the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice. She is completing a study of criminal justice debt in New Orleans court system and

leading a research effort in partnership with Law for Black Lives. A’Niya serves on the National Advisory Committee of Equal Justice Works, which she chaired last year. She has served as President of her National Lawyers Guild chapter; as a FEMA Legal Advocate for people affected by natural disasters; and as an advocate for survivors of gender-based violence. During her 1L summer, she worked on solitary confinement lawsuits and education accessibility at the Advocacy Center, a nonprofit that serves senior citizens and disabled people. She spent her 2L summer at the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice, working with communities of color on decriminalization and economic justice.

Prior to law school, A’Niya was a community organizer on issues of education justice while teaching GED preparation courses. While pursuing an undergraduate degree, she worked at the Orleans Public Defenders office and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

About the Moderator



SUE SCHECHTER

*Lecturer in Residence, Director, Field Placement Program,
University of California Berkeley School of Law*

Sue Schechter has spent most of her career since graduating from law school in 1988 in law school administration and law student support positions. Prior to coming to Berkeley Law, Schechter worked at Golden Gate University School of Law as the Associate Dean for Student Services; the Honors Lawyering Program Administrative Director; and Assistant Dean for Law Career & Alumni Services.

For more than a decade, Schechter has been teaching in and helping to administer field placement programs. She was an Adjunct/Clinical Professor at Golden Gate and is currently Berkeley Law’s first full-time Field Placement Coordinator working with students doing general field placements, judicial externships, and away placements.

Prior to her work at law schools, Schechter was the Project Director for the Public Interest Clearinghouse’s Public Interest Law Program in San Francisco; a Patients’ Rights Advocate/Attorney at the Mental Health Advocacy Project in Santa Clara County; and as a Campus Organizer/Staff Attorney with the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL, now known as Equal Justice Works) in Washington, DC.

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SELECTED RESOURCES

Matthew Desmond, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*

Laura P. Graham, Wake Forest University - School of Law, *Generation Z Goes to Law School: Teaching and Reaching Law Students in the Post-Millennial Generation*,

Martin Luther King, Jr., "If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

Martin Luther King, Jr., *Letters from a Birmingham Jail*

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Viet Thanh Nguyen, *The Displaced*

Publius (Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, James Madison),
The Federalist Papers

William P. Quigley, *Letter to a Law Student Interested in Social Justice*

Barbara Ransby, *Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision*

Jean Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*

J.D. Vance, *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*