

Impact Litigation and Social Justice Section Current and Past Fellows

Anjali Bhargava (2009-2010)

Anjali graduated from NYU School of Law in May 2009. During law school, she spent several semesters as a student advocate in the NYU Immigrants' Rights Clinic, where she represented indigenous Mexican restaurant workers in bringing a federal unpaid wages lawsuit, represented detained immigrants in removal proceedings, and campaigned for increased legal representation of individuals in Immigration Court. She spent her summers interning at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York, and at Columbia Legal Services, a leading legal services organization in Seattle. Before law school, she managed an education program for gang-involved and at-risk youth in Seattle for two years, and interned with the Texas Innocence Network.

Kate Desormeau (2009-2010)

Kate graduated from Yale Law School in 2008. While at law school, she participated in the Workers' and Immigrants' Rights Advocacy Clinic and Immigration Legal Services, where she worked with asylum seekers, trafficked farmworkers, and immigrant victims of domestic violence. She spent her law school summers interning at the International Rescue Committee in Charlottesville, Virginia, and at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project in New York. Prior to law school, she studied Comparative Literature, worked as a researcher for the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University, and earned a master's degree in Forced Migration from Oxford University. In addition to immigrants' and workers' rights, Kate is particularly interested in environmental justice for people of color and people in low-income communities. She clerked for Judge Marsha Berzon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Annie Decker (2008-2009)

Annie graduated from Yale Law School in 2007. During law school, she interned at Bredhoff & Kaiser, a labor law firm; in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked on disability rights; and at the New York Attorney General's Office, where she focused on employment law protections for low-wage and undocumented workers. After law school, she clerked for Judge William A. Fletcher on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She also holds a master's degree in City Planning from the University of California at Berkeley, where she studied the transportation challenges faced by low-income seniors and disabled individuals and their homecare workers.

Juniper Lesnik Downs (2008-2009)

Juniper graduated from NYU School of Law, magna cum laude, in 2005. During law school, she participated in the Mediation Clinic, mentored a juvenile offender, taught legal skills in a women's prison and a juvenile center, published a paper on Community Health Centers, and worked on a documentary project about public basketball courts, which was published in part in the New York Times. Juniper spent her first summer with Human Rights Watch researching child bonded labor in India and her second summer doing bioethics research with the Hastings Center. Prior to law school, Juniper taught special education students in Oakland, California. Before joining the County Counsel, Juniper worked for the ACLU of Northern California, where she did extensive work on student rights in public schools. She remains interested in the rights of young people and in continuing to cultivate both her legal practice and her creative work.