

# BLB&G and Max and Dale Berger Honor Fellows and Celebrate 20 Years of Public Interest Fellowships at Columbia Law School

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On Thursday, September 20, 2018, BLB&G and Columbia Law School's Office of Development and Alumni Relations, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the establishment of The Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Public Interest Law Fellowship, as well as the Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Law Fellowship, at Columbia Law School. An evening reception in honor of all the fellowship recipients was held at BLB&G's office in New York City.

BLB&G and the Bergers created these public interest law fellowships to support positive social change and fight discrimination. Both fellowships, which are highly-competitive and awarded in alternating years, provide Fellows with 100% of the funding needed to make payments on their law school tuition loans so long as the graduates remain in the public interest law field. Since they were first established in 1999 and 2001, the fellowships have been awarded to 16 law students, who demonstrated exceptional dedication and promise for leadership in public interest law work.

More than half of the Fellows attended the reception, where they shared their inspirational stories and discussed their professional accomplishments while pursuing their legal careers in public service. "This is the very first time that the Fellows have been gathered together and most didn't even know each other," said Mr. Berger, BLB&G's founding senior partner hosting the event. "Seeing the commitment of these young citizens is so inspiring. It provides a reason to be hopeful and optimistic."

#### **BLB&G congratulates all our Public Service Fellows:**

- Brenda Toineeta Pipestem (Class of 1999)
- Shavar Jeffries (Class of 1999)
- Jennifer Lav (Class of 2003)
- Rosanne Aviles (Class of 2005)
- Kate Weisburd (Class of 2005)
- Carrie Love (Class of 2009)
- Keren Zwick (Class of 2009)
- Mae Ackerman-Brimberg (Class of 2012)

- Whitney Hayes (Class of 2015)
- Ashok Chandran (Class of 2015)
- Ray Martin (Class of 2018)

**BLB&G also congratulates all Dale and Max Berger Fellows:**

- Suzannah Phillips (Class of 2008)
- Catherine Poynter (Class of 2010)
- Kinara Flagg (Class of 2011)
- Adriana Garcia (Class of 2012)
- Erika Vera Livas (Class of 2016)

Click below to view detailed biographies of all the Public Interest Fellows.