

# BLB&G Founding Partner Max Berger Ensures Sustainable Support for Students Pursuing Careers in Public Interest & Public Service with \$3.3 Million Commitment to Columbia Law School Through the Dale and Max Berger Family Foundation

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BLB&G founding partner Max Berger and his wife, Dale Berger, have committed \$3.3 million to Columbia Law School through the Dale and Max Berger Family Foundation to endow Columbia Law School's *Public Interest/Public Service (PI/PS) Fellows Program*. This gift brings the Berger's and BLB&G's contributions to over \$6.6 million in support of public interest students, graduates, and related programming at the Law School. The couple has also endowed the Dale and Max Berger Public Interest Law Fellowship, and under Max's leadership, BLB&G created the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann Public Interest Law Fellowship.

The PI/PS Fellows Program supports a community of students who are passionate about careers in the public interest, human rights, nonprofit, or government sectors. It will now be known as the Max Berger '71 Public Interest/Public Service Fellows Program. Max was drawn to the program's community-building approach, which was essential to his decision to endow the program.

There's a certain power that properly focused and collaborative groups have in that the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts. A formal structure where students who are committed to careers in public interest and public service can come together on a regular basis will help fortify these students as they move forward in their careers. - Max Berger

Max, who celebrated his 50th reunion this year at Columbia Law School, is a member of the Dean's Council and previously served on the Board of Visitors. In 2011, he received the Law School's highest honor, the Medal for Excellence. He is also a member of the Public Interest/Public Service Council, a group of high-level alumni who provide support and advice to the Law School's students and young alumni. Among numerous charitable and volunteer works, Max and Dale are significant and long-time contributors to the Andrew Goodman Foundation, Her Justice, and Women for Women International.