

The AWA Foundation Pro Bono Fellowship Program

For over two decades, the Association of Women Attorneys Foundation (“AWAF”) has awarded scholarships to exceptional female law students in Houston. Inspired by the recipients’ personal stories of triumph and perseverance, the AWAF was compelled to do more. In 2017, the AWAF partnered with Houston Volunteer Lawyers and Tahirih Justice Center to create the AWA Foundation Pro Bono Fellowship Program. The program gave two extraordinary female attorneys the opportunity to develop legal skills during their first year of practice and give back to the community through pro bono service. The next year, we partnered with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to extend the fellowship to an additional female lawyer, who has recently accepted a full-time position with the organization!

The program has been a terrific success, and we are working hard to fund the 2020-2021 fellowships to ensure the sustainability of the program for years to come. We need your help to do more for these incredible women! [Click here to view one of their stories.](#)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship is a full-time paid attorney position with one of AWAF’s Fellowship partners--Houston Volunteer Lawyers and Tahirih Justice Center. Each organization will interview and select one fellow from the AWAF 2020 3L scholarship applicants who indicates an interest in dedicating her first year of practice to pro bono service.

The fellows will serve the community by providing free legal service to those in need, and in return, will receive a \$60,000 salary with benefits. The total cost to fund each fellowship is \$80,000 per fellow.

PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

A corporate sponsorship allows your firm to help a deserving new lawyer gain the skills necessary to launch a successful practice, while making a real difference in the lives of people who would not otherwise have access to legal services.

ABOUT US

The Association for Women Attorneys Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing scholarships and fellowships to outstanding female law students in Houston.

AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship Partners



TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER

Fellows will work on matters such as gender-based asylum, Violence against Women’s Act Petitions, T Visas (for survivors of trafficking), U Visas (for survivors of certain crimes on U.S. soil), and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (for abused, abandoned, or neglected children).



HOUSTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Fellows will have the opportunity to assist with legal matters involving family law, guardianship, estate planning, tax disputes with the IRS, landlord/tenant disputes, homeownership, consumer law, and bankruptcy.

Pro Bono Fellowship Sponsorship Opportunities

CHARTER SPONSOR- \$25,000

- Exclusive Naming Rights. Example: “The AWAF [Your Firm Name] Pro Bono Fellowship benefitting Houston Volunteer Lawyers.”
- Diamond level table seating (\$5,000 value) and special recognition at the AWAF Premier Women In Law Luncheon in March 2020
- Recognition as a sponsor on all AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship promotional material
- Special invitation to planned networking events
- Free AWA membership for all firm attorneys in the Houston office who have up to three years of practice

CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS- \$10,000

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS- \$5,000

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Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Fellows!

The AWAF Vinson & Elkins LLP Pro Bono Fellowship Benefitting Houston Volunteer Lawyers



PAULINE RIVERA

Pauline Rivera graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in May 2019 and will begin her fellowship with Houston Volunteer Lawyers in September 2019.

“I am excited to start my legal career at Houston Volunteer Lawyers. I went to law school because I want to give back to my community by helping those less fortunate. That is exactly what I will do at HVL. I am sincerely grateful to all the sponsors that made this opportunity possible and have allowed me to begin my career performing meaningful work. Thank you.”

The AWAF Katten Munchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Fellowship Benefitting Tahirih Justice Center



STORMY CLARK

Stormy Clark graduated from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in May 2019 and will begin her fellowship with Tahirih Justice Center in September 2019.

“There is no greater service than helping lift up others. I am beyond grateful to be the Tahirih Fellow. I am honored to be part of not only an organization—but a community—committed to improving the quality of life of immigrant women and children whom courageously face their oppressors. Thank you to the AWAF and their sponsors for giving me the opportunity to begin my legal career with an organization committed to serving and improving the lives of others. I hope to learn from these courageous women as I continue breaking the mold of what a woman can be.”

AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship Sponsorship Form

Individual/Firm/Company Name _____

commits to sponsor the 2020-2021 AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship as indicated below:

- Charter Sponsor - \$25,000
- Circle of Champions - \$10,000
- Circle of Friends - \$5,000
- Other amount \$ _____
- SUSTAINING SUPPORTER- We will do even more by committing to fund this fellowship for a second year at the sponsorship level indicated above.**

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Commitment must be funded by July 31, 2020

- Will send payment by ___ / ___ / 20 ___
- Make a payment today

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check (Please make checks payable to Association of Women Attorneys Foundation -Tax I.D. No. 76-0337202)

Credit Card (please circle one)

American Express Discover VISA MasterCard

Cardholder Name: _____

Amount: _____

Card Number: _____

SEC: _____ Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

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