

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 to extend the fellowship to an additional female lawyer.

The program has been a terrific success, and we are working hard to fund the 2021-2022 fellowships to ensure the sustainability of the program for years to come. We need your help to do more for these incredible women!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship is a full-time paid attorney position with one of AWAF's Fellowship partners. Each organization will interview and select one fellow from the AWAF 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 2022
- 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

BRITNEY MANDARINO CURRY

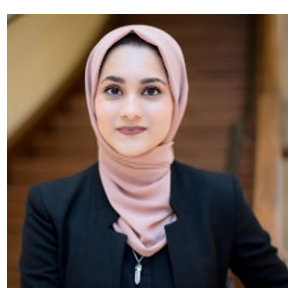


Britny Mandarin Curry graduated from South Texas College of Law Houston in May 2020 and served as an AWAF Fellow with Houston Volunteer Lawyers until July 2021. Britny is now an assistant public defender with the Harris County Public Defender's Office - Juvenile Division.

"Advocating for the underserved and overlooked lights a fire in you that you cannot ignore. It shapes you as a human being. As an AWAF Fellow with Houston Volunteer Lawyers, I was given unmatched mentorship, hands-on lawyering, and inspiring advocacy as a first-year attorney that will forever shape my career. Thank you to the Association of Women Attorneys Foundation, Vinson & Elkins, and Houston Volunteer Lawyers for entrusting me with this incredible work."

The AWAF Hunton Andrews Kurth Pro Bono Fellowship Benefitting Tahirih Justice Center

MAHIN ANSARI



Mahin Ansari graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in May 2020 and served as a Fellow with the Tahirih Justice Center until 2021. Mahin plans to continue her career representing immigrant survivors of gender-based violence.

"Every day I am inspired by the courage and resilience of Tahirih clients. I am grateful to the AWAF for giving me the opportunity to represent survivors of gender-based violence. I hope to continue fighting against injustice and supporting survivors in the future."

AWAF Pro Bono Fellowship Sponsorship Form

Individual/Firm/Company Name _____

Commits to sponsor the 2021-2022 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 the fellowship for a second year at the sponsorship level indicated above.**

Telephone: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Commitment must be funded by July 31, 2022

- 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)

American Express Discover VISA MasterCard

Cardholder Name: _____

Amount: _____

Card Number: _____

SEC: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

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