19th Annual
Public Interest Auction
Thursday, March 26, 2015 | 6:30 p.m.
Law School Cafeteria | Solarium

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Please submit form with applicable payment to:
St. John’s School of Law, Public Interest Center, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439

For more information: Molly Full, Director of Public Interest Auction
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What is Public Interest Law?
Attorneys in the field of public interest law work to provide legal counsel for traditionally underrepresented clients, groups, or interests, in areas such as immigration, domestic violence, child advocacy, elder abuse, housing and mental health advocacy, and community service.

What is the Public Interest Law Students Association (PILSA)?
Part of the Student Bar Association, the PILSA is made up of law students who are dedicated to supporting the law school’s public interest goals. PILSA works with public interest organizations, the Law School Administration and the Public Interest Center in an effort to coordinate on campus activities including panel presentations, fundraising and social events. Additionally, PILSA encourages off-campus involvement in public interest organizations in which students can assist in providing legal information to real world clients.

What is the Public Interest Center?
The Public Interest Center supports and builds on St. John’s Vincentian mission by offering programs and initiatives that promote lawyers’ professional obligation to serve those most in need. The Center is charged with coordinating and expanding the Law School’s Pro Bono Service Project, the Public Interest Auction, the Public Interest Summer Fellowship Program and other public interest and pro bono initiatives. The Center also collaborates with PILSA to develop and host programs on public interest law, counsel students on public interest opportunities and generally foster a view of public interest as intrinsic to the study and practice of law.

What is the Public Interest Fellowship program?
The Fellowship Program provides stipends for St. John’s law students who work during the summer in qualifying Public Interest positions that would normally be unpaid. The summer fellowships afford students the opportunity to serve or advocate for the poor, disadvantaged, marginalized, or underrepresented members of society. In the past, fellowship recipients have worked as nearby as Jamaica, NY and as far away as Mozambique.

The Fellowship program also provides funds to help defray the cost of students representing St. John’s in other service and pro bono projects, including the spring break service trip in which students travel to other parts of the country to provide pro bono legal assistance in partnership with local legal services providers. Fellowship funds may also support St. John’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which provides graduates who accept positions in the public interest sector with funds to lessen their post-graduate debt balance.

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