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CINDY AVITIA IMMIGRATION JUSTICE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

at the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center
Sponsored by La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Foundation

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FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY

La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Foundation (Foundation) and Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center (Law Center) are pleased to announce a new summer 2017 fellowship program for Santa Clara Law students committed to advocating for the rights of underserved immigrant communities while learning valuable lawyering skills. The fellowship program is named in the memory of Cindy Avitia, a long-time member of Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association, graduate of Santa Clara Law, passionate advocate for immigrant rights, and former employee of the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center.

FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

The inaugural Cindy Avitia Immigration Justice Summer Fellowship Program recipient will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation to work full-time for approximately 10 weeks.

The fellow will be supervised and housed in the Law Center's Immigration unit and will work on all aspects of immigration cases including but not limited to assistance and orientation regarding T-Visas, U-Visas, acquired citizenship, political asylum, deferred action for childhood arrivals, human trafficking-related issues, and various aspects of citizenship matters and deportation defense. The Fellow may also assist with workers' rights cases, consumer law cases and participate in community education and outreach efforts.

FELLOWSHIP PARTNERS

Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center

The Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center's two-fold mission is **i)** to train law students to be social justice advocates and **ii)** to serve the legal needs of the low-income community. Law students work under the supervision of experienced attorneys to provide free legal services in the areas of consumer protection, workers' rights, immigration, and human trafficking. Through

educational workshops, advice clinics, and direct legal representation the Alexander Community Law Center serves over 1,000 clients annually.

La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Foundation

La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation, was established in 2006 through the joint efforts of the Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association and the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County. The Foundation is the brain child of the late Andrew Gonzalez, a member of both organizations who was instrumental in creating an endowed scholarship fund. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$220,000 in scholarships directly to Bay Area law students committed to representing and serving the Latino community.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Foundation and the Law Center seek a Santa Clara University Law School first or second year student who has a demonstrated commitment to:

- The legal equality of underserved communities as evidenced by community/extra-curricular activities advancing social, economic, and legal equality of Latinos, immigrants, or other communities of color; and
- Promoting diversity in the legal field, such as through membership in a relevant bar association or law school affinity group.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must complete the attached application and must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Qualifications (see above);
- Applicants must have completed an introductory course through the Law Center or have equivalent experience working on immigration matters.
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need.
- Applicants must be available to attend Santa Clara County La Raza Lawyers Association annual Scholarship Banquet scheduled for the evening of October 20, 2017.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, we hope to have the fellow selected by April 14, 2017 or sooner. Send application materials, resume and questions to Carlos Orellana, President of La Raza Lawyers of Santa Clara County Charitable Foundation: scclarazafoundation@gmail.com .

For more information, visit www.law.scu.edu/kgaclc or www.larazafoundation.org