

Summer for Justice 2017

Law Clerks





Impact Litigation

Beth Abramson

Rising 2L

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Undergrad: UCSB

Beth Abramson just finished her 1L year at UCLA School of Law. In 2015, she graduated summa cum laude from UCSB with a major in Global Studies with a focus on the Middle East and a minor in Global Peace & Security. At graduation, she was honored by the Council of Deans with the Dean of Undergraduate Education Award, which recognizes outstanding academic performance and contributions to the College of Letters and Sciences. Prior to attending law school, Beth was one of ten students chosen for the Sarah Miller McCune Endowed Internship & Public Service Program. In this program she worked in the central coast of CA for CAUSE's farmworker bill of rights campaign, where she did research, policy advocacy, and organizing for solutions against wage theft. In her free time, Beth enjoys cooking, cycling, yoga and searching for adoptable dogs.

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Senior Center Outreach

Michael Bral

Rising 3L

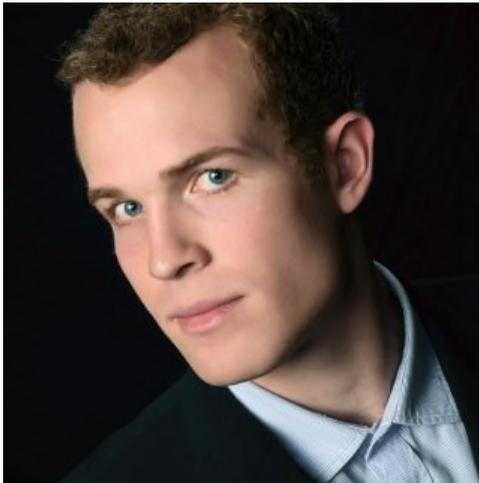
Southwestern Law School

Undergrad: UCLA

"My name is Michael Bral. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and spent most of my life living in West Hollywood as I was able to get a firsthand view of how it grew to be the dynamic and progressive neighborhood it is today. As a grandchild of a Holocaust survivor, my Jewish culture and pride is deeply engrained within me and has made me passionate about learning more about the history of our elders, and how we can continue to give back to them. As a Socio-Cultural Anthropology major from UCLA, I love working with and interacting with people of all cultures and backgrounds and being able to learn more about each person while being able to assist them is what I am really looking forward to."

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Low-Income Tax Advocacy

Nathaniel Bulluck

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Nathaniel (Nate) Bulluck completed his first year of law school at the USC Gould of Law in May 2017 and is currently pursuing a JD/MBA dual degree. Prior to law school, Nate worked as a Legal Administrator on the Corporate Legal team at Warner Bros. A member of the Time Warner College Associate Program, he interned in business and legal affairs over two summers during college. He earned a B.A. in Political Science & Government from Middlebury College. He attended the intensive summer immersion program where he studied French at Middlebury's renowned language school. Nate attended the Tuck Business Bridge Program at Dartmouth College following his studies at Middlebury. Nate was also a Kemp Fellow at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. At Harvard-Westlake High School, he was a member of the Boys' Varsity Basketball team and was named an Academic All-American. In college, Nate was a member of the nationally-ranked Middlebury Men's Varsity Basketball team where he reached the NCAA tournament in three of his four years.

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Amanda Cavazos

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"I am a rising 2L at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. Next year, I will be the Director of the Boalt Anti-Trafficking Project, a student initiated legal services project for 1L's who provide pro bono support under attorney supervision. I feel very privileged to work alongside a talented and passionate group of people. I look forward to meeting everyone."

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Employment Rights

Li Chia

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Undergrad: UCLA

“I am a rising 2L at UC Irvine School of Law. Prior to law school, I worked at the ACLU of Southern California, the UCLA Downtown Labor Center, and Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project. My interests are in employment and immigration law. I am a UCLA graduate (Go Bruins!) and native of Chile.”

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Holocaust Services

Ben Feldman

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University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Undergrad: Claremont McKenna College

“As an a lifelong Angeleno and UCLA Law student, I am excited to join Bet Tzedek's Holocaust Survivors' Services. Before law school, I worked as a history teacher at de Toledo High School and an assistant campaign manager in a LA City Council race. I also co-ran Moishe House - Silver Lake where I hosted weekly community events for young Jewish adults. I studied Philosophy & Public Affairs at Claremont McKenna College where I also interned with the Grameen Bank in Dhaka, Bangladesh and Human Rights Watch in Washington, DC. My proudest achievement so far is successfully living car-free in LA for the past year.”

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Senior Center Outreach

Marissa Fernandez

SCALE Juris Doctorate Candidate, 2018

Southwestern Law School

Undergrad: University of California, Berkeley

Marissa Fernandez is a current SCALE student at Southwestern Law School. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in legal studies and anthropology. After graduating from college, she worked at a Family Violence Law Firm and a Workers' Compensation Defense Firm. While in college, Marissa worked to be involved with her community. She volunteered as a tutor at San Quentin, collaborated with several organizations to raise scholarship funds, and helped raise awareness to homelessness in Berkeley.

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Medical-Legal Partnership

Julia Gaffney

Rising 2L

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Undergrad: Skidmore College

Julia W. Gaffney is a rising 2L at University of California, Irvine School of Law. Her interests lie at the intersections of legal issues for international persons, LGBT persons, and persons in the arts. Her pro bono projects include prisoners' rights advocacy with the National Lawyers Guild and ongoing work with the Transgender Legal Name and Gender Marker Clinic in Santa Ana. Before attending law school, Julia worked as an arts archivist in New York and Berlin. During that time, she handled production and rights management for artists and designers in all corners of the world. She graduated *cum laude* from Skidmore College and is originally from New York. In her free time, she enjoys practicing yoga and repairing furniture and small objects.

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Kinship Care

Ronita Khakshoor

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“I am a second-year law student at UCLA School of Law. In 2016, I graduated from UCLA with a bachelor in History. I am currently the editor in chief of Pacific Basin Law Journal and VP of operations for Jewish Law Student Association at UCLA. I am also bilingual in Farsi and enjoy solving jigsaw puzzles.”

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**Real Estate Fraud &
Foreclosure Prevention**

Megan Kinney

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University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Undergrad: Seattle University

Hometown: Yakima, WA

Undergraduate: Seattle University, BA Political Science

Interests and activities: Travel, hiking, camping, former yoga instructor, former indoor cycling instructor, former cheese monger, Bet Tzedek workers' rights clinic volunteer.

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**Real Estate Fraud &
Foreclosure Prevention**

Arya Malek
Rising 3L
Southwestern Law School
Undergrad: CSUN

“My name is Arya Malek, and I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I am currently a 3L at Southwestern Law School. After law school, I intend to pursue practice in the areas of landlord-tenant, transfers of real estate/real property, and zoning & land use. Having graduated with a business degree from CSUN, I have a passion for all things transactional, and cannot wait to incorporate my business background and experience into my everyday interactions in the work at Bet Tzedek. During my first year of law school, I managed to be a full-time student, all while running my own corporation with one other partner. Time management and organizational skills are key! In my free time, I love to watch sports and sometimes participate if time permits. I look forward to working with the entire Bet Tzedek team and learning the ins and outs of your organization.”

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Diana Martinez
Rising 3L
Loyola Law School
Undergrad: McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Diana M. Martinez graduated summa cum laude from McMaster University in 2014, where she majored in Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behavior and specialized in music cognition. Previously, she was a research assistant at Loyola Law School, mentor for the Young Lawyers Program, and a volunteer at Advancing Justice LA. She is currently a Production Editor on the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review. In her spare time, she enjoys DIY crafting, photography, and playing the piano.

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Holocaust Services

Benjamin Oreper

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University of Southern California Gould School of Law

Undergrad: UCLA

Born in Brooklyn and raised in the heart of San Francisco, Ben moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received a B.A. in political science with a minor in the Russian language in 2016. He currently attends the USC Gould School of Law and enjoys jazz piano, small plates, and reading in Echo Park.

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Pro Bono

Shivam Patel

Rising 3L

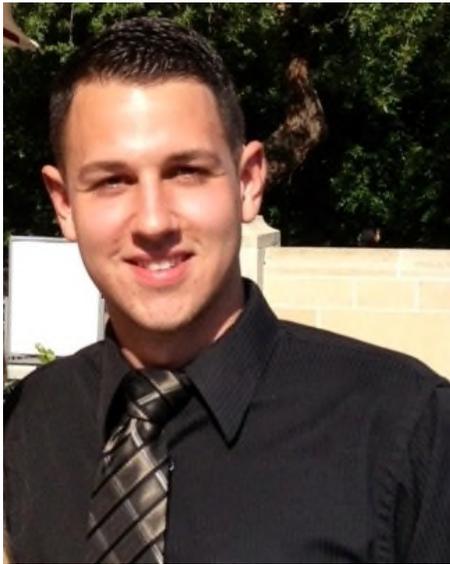
University of South Carolina School of Law

Undergrad: Pennsylvania State University

“My name is Shivam Patel, I am from Long Island, New York and this is my first experience working on the West Coast. I graduated from Penn State in 2015, and upon graduation I began classes at the University of South Carolina School of Law. This Fall, I will begin my final year of law school, and look forward to learning more before hopefully becoming a practicing attorney. Outside of classes I enjoy leading an active lifestyle and spending my time outdoors. I look forward to learning how to provide legal assistance to others and am very excited to spend the summer working at Bet Tzedek!”

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Family Caregiver

Dale Radford

Rising 2L

University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Undergrad: UCLA

“As a Los Angeles native, I studied psychology and anthropology at UCLA. Before entering law school, I worked as a case manager at a plaintiff’s firm dealing with pharmaceutical and asbestos litigation, advocating for victims. As a rising 2L at UC Hastings, I am very interested in public interest causes and I enjoy being on the Client Counseling team. I love hiking, traveling, and spending time outdoors.”

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Low-Income Tax Advocacy

Jeffrey Rodgers

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University of North Texas

Undergrad: Williams College

Jeff Rodgers is a rising 2L at USC and will be spending this summer with the Tax Law Project. He moved to Los Angeles in 2008 after graduating from the University of North Texas with a Radio/TV/Film degree, and pursued careers in a variety of industries while feeding his Star Trek habit. He ultimately spent the six years prior to law school servicing and modifying delinquent mortgages at Bank of America, where he gained experience and life lessons that directly led to his decision to become a lawyer. Jeff was born and raised in San Antonio, TX, and feels spoiled to have grown up with a basketball team as great as the Spurs.

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Employment Rights



Marisa Sherman

Rising 2L

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Undergrad: The University of Iowa

“I just finished my first year at UCLA Law and am interested in pursuing a career in Employment/Labor Law upon graduation. At UCLA, I am involved in the Skid Row legal clinic, the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, and the Food Law Society. I am from Sioux City, Iowa and graduated from the University of Iowa in December of 2015 with a double major in Communication Studies and Ethics/Public Policy. I enjoy traveling and doing anything that is both active and outdoors!”

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Family Caregiver



Low-Income Tax Advocacy

Denise Sorto-Solis

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Undergrad: UCSD

“I was born in East Los Angeles and grew up in Hawthorne, CA. I graduated from Leuzinger High School and went to undergrad in UC San Diego. I double majored in History and sociology and double minored in Spanish literature and Law and society. I went to law school straight after undergrad. I just finished my first year at UCI Law.”

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Holocaust Services

Karina Vaysberg

Rising 2L

Southwestern Law School

Undergrad: CSUN

“My name is Karina Vaysberg and I am currently studying at Southwestern Law School! My strong interest in public law have been influenced by personal events in my life. I am excited to potentially help people and learn about the law at Bet Tzedek!”

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Erika Villaseñor

Rising 3L

University of California, Berkeley School of Law

Undergrad: San Jose State University

“Hi everyone! My name is Erika and I am a rising 3L at Berkeley Law. I graduated from San Jose State University with a BA in Philosophy. I was raised in the Central Valley and my experiences there have motivated me to pursue a career in legal aid. I love the Dodgers, pizza, and exploring new places. I look forward to meeting you all! “

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Employment Rights

Undergraduates



Intake Call Center

Reuben Bank
Rising Junior
The George Washington University

Reuben Bank is a rising junior at The George Washington University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a Public Policy Focus and a minor in Anthropology. He has worked during the year as a staff assistant for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, and for the past two summers he has been a camp counselor at URJ Camp Newman. He plays Club Ultimate Frisbee at GW and enjoys playing guitar and following soccer.

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Intake Call Center

Carly Berger
Rising Junior
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

"My name is Carly Berger and I am a rising junior studying at the University of Michigan. I am majoring in Sociology with a sub-plan in Law, Justice and Social Change and am minoring in Marketing. I grew up in Los Angeles and went to Harvard-Westlake School. At the university, I am a design editor for The Michigan Daily and am on the board of Hillel's Holocaust Awareness club. I am very passionate about community outreach and service, and dedicated my past few summers to helping students from low-income areas improve their reading and writing skills at the Stephen Wise Temple Freedom School. I plan on attending law school after graduation so that I can continue to serve my community. I am very excited to participate in the Summer for Justice Program at Bet Tzedek!"

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Intake Call Center

Natalie Caloca
Vistamar School

“My name is Natalie Caloca, and I am excited to be working with you all this summer at Bet Tzedek! I am a student at Vistamar School in El Segundo, though I am currently attending the School for Ethics and Global Leadership, a semester program in Washington D.C. I am passionate about equal access to education and legal counsel in Los Angeles and throughout the United States, and I have been a volunteer at the Richstone Family Center in Hawthorne for a year and a half. I look forward to being a part of Summer for Justice.”

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Intake Call Center

Anna Guzman
Rising Junior
University of California, Berkeley

“Hi, I'm Ana Guzman. I am a rising third year undergraduate at UC Berkeley, majoring in Legal Studies and minoring in Spanish. I have an interest in going to Law School and specializing in Criminal or Immigration law. I am excited to come home to Los Angeles this summer to be able to learn and gain new experiences at Bet Tzedek. I hope to feel accomplished in helping low-income individuals who for the lack of access are unable to easily seek representation or know they even have a claim to fight for. I hope that in being an intern at Bet Tzedek, I will be able to make a difference.”

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Intake Call Center



Ingrid Perez
Rising Senior
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

“Hello! My name is Ingrid Perez. I am a third-year Political Science major at Cal Poly Pomona. My passions include education, service, and social justice. I am currently learning more about cooking and photography! I love meeting new people, traveling, and have a newfound interest in bullet journaling and passion planning.”

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Kinship Care



Self-Help Conservatorship

Tatiana Perez
Rising Senior
University of California, Santa Barbara

“My name is Tatiana Perez and I am currently in my third year at the University of California, Santa Barbara, pursuing a double major in International Studies and Environmental Studies with a minor in Spanish. My academic endeavors include (but are not limited to) international law and environmental justice and policy. I intend to pursue law school in the future in hopes of becoming an environmental defense lawyer abroad. I’ve had extensive experience traveling and volunteering at refugee centers, alongside working with students and parents in schools as a translator and assistant. I look forward to being a Summer Clerk for Bet Tzedek!”

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Self-Help Conservatorship

Georgia Rock
Rising Sophomore
The University of Chicago

Georgia Rock is a first-year student at the University of Chicago from Los Angeles, California. She is thinking of majoring in History or Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and currently plans on attending law school upon graduating. She grew up in Koreatown and is therefore particularly excited to be back in the area for the summer. Georgia also is a member of Jumpstart, an organization that provides educational support to preschoolers in low-income neighborhoods, and volunteers at Chicago elementary schools in her free time. The rest of her time is spent watching movies and eating ice cream.

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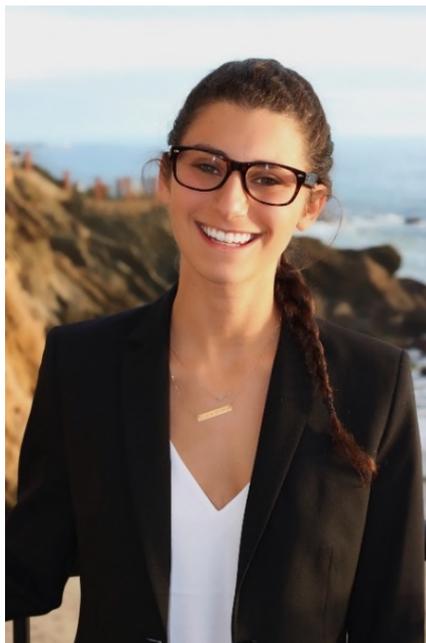
Gonzalo Sanchez
Rising Sophomore
DePaul University

Gonzalo Sanchez, originally from Los Angeles, is now studying Political Science at the private catholic college of DePaul University. He will be completing his Freshman year by the summer. Gonzalo interned at Bet Tzedek for three years while in High school and, with encouragement from his friends and parents, decided to return to Los Angeles this summer to continue his learning experience at Bet Tzedek. In his free time, Gonzalo loves music and enjoys mixing and creating his own tracks and lately has a passion to learn about trading and algorithms.

Gonzalo is bilingual and has a strong Hispanic background heritage which he is proud about. He believes diversity enriches society and fights to make it known whenever it is needed.

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**Development Operations and
Communications**

Haley Schusterman
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Haley is from Boulder, Colorado. She is a junior undergraduate student at the University of Southern California. She is majoring in International Relations and minoring in Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Volunteerism. Her interests include social justice, human rights, disaster and humanitarian relief, international development, forced migration, and social innovation.

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