

HOPE

# PUBLIC INTEREST


*Recognition Ceremony*

**Thursday,  
April 18, 2024  
6:00 PM**

University of Miami  
School of Law  
Room F309

**MIAMILAW**  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW

**HOPE** Public Interest  
Resource Center



HOPE is proud to honor members of the Miami Law community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public service and advocacy through work in, and support of, clinics, externships, programs, and pro bono projects.

HOPE is dedicated to cultivating a pro bono ethic in all law students. We are committed to outreach and advocacy locally, nationally and internationally. With hundreds of volunteers, teams of project leaders, a driven Public Interest Leadership Board, the Miami Public Interest Scholars Program, and a phenomenal team of HOPE and Summer Public Interest Fellows, HOPE works to bridge the access to justice gap near and far, supporting students in their journey to become skilled and impactful attorneys who will make a difference in the lives of others.

Miami Law offers exceptional clinics, centers, externships and programs, setting the tone for our students to engage in impactful and much-needed advocacy. We celebrate the students who make the commitment to advocacy and empowerment efforts to promote access to justice. We thank the many faculty, supervising attorneys, and alumni near and far for their leadership and mentoring our community. We are proud to be a part of a legal community dedicated to a pro bono ethic, embracing the privilege of legal education and the imperative to promote justice.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate Miami Law's spirit of public interest.

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**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND  
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**Student Acknowledgments**

**HOPE Challenges**

**Public Interest Awards**

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# STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## **PUBLIC INTEREST LEADERSHIP BOARD 2023-2024**

The Public Interest Leadership Board (PILB) is a leadership board made up of a dynamic group of Miami Law students dedicated to public service. PILB members are at the forefront of developing public interest/service opportunities and programs. PILB members address institutional policies, design, and implement a wide variety of public interest programs, act in an advisory capacity to the HOPE Public Interest Resource Center, and serve as the center-point of public interest activities for the law school.

Danielle Berkowitz, 3L  
Nelly Cabrera, 3L  
Emily Finch, 2L  
Angelo Gomez, 2L  
Kaylin Guzman, 2L  
Ashton Greusel, 3L  
Elizabeth Hansel Collins, 3L  
Estefania Hernandez, 2L  
Emily Hill, 3L  
Ashley Knoblauch, 3L

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Timothy Mondloch, 3L  
Gabriela Rivero, 3L  
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Mackenzie Steele, 3L  
Caitlin Tabor, 3L  
Nicole Vahlkamp, 2L  
Christina Velazquez, 2L  
Nicole Vitt, 2L

Welcome to new PILB members for 2024-2025:

Stephanie Alvarez  
Hope Bumgarner  
Natalie Gonzalez  
George Liu

Radha Patel  
Aaron Rissman  
David Somoza

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION - CLASS OF 2024**

Elizabeth Hansel Collins  
Ashton Greusel  
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Mackenzie Steele

## CLINICS AND PROGRAMS - CLASS OF 2024

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH LAW CLINIC**

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Jeremy Connell	Sam Stephens
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Sophia Pastorini	

### **HEALTH RIGHTS CLINIC**

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Kostika Kosova	Brianna Vergara
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Amelia Anderson	Jodi Lewis
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Isabella Gonzalez	Rachel Lopez
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Benjamin Butin

Laura Curry

Theo De Sa-Kaye

Taylor Evans

Brittany Hicks

Alison Wynne

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Alexander Berkowitz

July Choi

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Isabelle Klayman

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Seth Maack

Rose Mahdaviéh

Alexandra McHugh

Valeria Munoz

Ashelin Myus

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Talya Pinto

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Kristen Doghramji  
Suzannah Friscia  
Andrew Green  
Shirley Grinstein  
Victoria Guevara  
Carly Herskowitz  
Emily Hill  
Borina Jean

Ann Turner Light  
Krishtine Loaiza  
Dalton Lowrie  
Paula Manrique  
Jonathan Painter  
Noah Rust  
Alexandria Seirafi  
Emma Sheridan  
Sofia Smith  
Bari Steel  
Mackenzie Steele  
Jalen Watson  
Sean Werkheiser

**SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS**

**2024 HOPE FELLOWS**

- Mollie Blank.....Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., Washington, DC
- Maia Boatwright.....National Center for Youth Law, Washington, DC
- PJ Chandra.....Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA
- Tiffany DeFranza.....Children's Rights of New York, NY
- Emily Finch.....National Archives, Washington, DC
- Arielle Frank.....U.S. Department of Education, Atlanta, GA
- Cassandra Hacker.....Fayette County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Lexington, KY
- Ummul Jafry.....Legal Aid Society, New York, NY
- Lauren LaBeck.....U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC
- Leanna Maharaj.....North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Paris, France
- Ashley Nunez.....Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, NY
- Annie Pompa Morejon.....Catholic Legal Services, Miami, FL
- David Somoza.....Legal Aid Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Arisleidys Trujillo.....Catholic Legal Services, Miami, FL
- Cameron Weiss.....U.S. Attorney's Office, West Palm Beach, FL



## **2024 SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWS**

(South Florida placements)

Daniela Acosta.....U.S. Coast Guard  
Jade Armstrong.....Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office  
Olivia Clausen.....Miami-Dade Co. Office of Resilience  
Olivia Fox.....Office of Regional Counsel  
Emily Johnson.....Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
Joseph Korzeb.....Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
Minah Malik.....Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
Amy Mantilla.....Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office  
Juliana Monroy.....Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office  
Olivia Pertierra.....Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
Andres Rakower.....Broward State Attorney's Office  
Zoe Raney.....Office of Regional Counsel  
Emma Rice.....Broward Public Defender's Office  
Lezah Richardson.....U.S. Attorney's Office  
Aaron Rissman.....Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office  
Jonathan Shashoua.....Office of Regional Counsel  
Kyle Spohn.....People's Economic & Environmental Resiliency  
Megan Thomas.....Federal Public Defender's Office  
Itiel Wainer.....U.S. Attorney's Office

## **SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS FOUNDATION SUSTAINED IMPACT RACIAL JUSTICE FELLOW**

Estefania Hernandez ..... Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers'  
Committee for Civil Rights under Law, Washington DC

## **SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS FOUNDATION PUBLIC POLICY FELLOW**

Greta Schultz ..... American Civil Liberties Union, Miami, FL

## **MIAMI PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS-CLASS OF 2024**

Amelia Anderson	Paula Manrique
Alexander Bruno	Timothy Mondloch
Danielle Bukacheski	Gabriela Rivero
Benjamin Butin	Sofia Smith
Laura Curry	Gabrielle Thomas
Elizabeth Hansel Collins	Sean Werkheiser
Sandra Lackmann	



## **ALTERNATIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY BREAK PARTICIPANTS**

### **FALL BREAK:**

#### **Americans for Immigrant Justice, Miami:**

Natalie Gonzalez  
Alejandra Ramos  
Karina Trujillo

### **WINTER BREAK:**

#### **Colorado Office of the Child Representative:**

Stephanie Alvarez  
Natalie Gonzalez

Minah Malik  
Lara Regina Recchia

**ACLU:** Lissie Albornoz

#### **Catholic Charities Legal Services, Miami:**

Katie Barker  
Riddhi Bharwad

Edwin Ham  
Amanda Ramirez Barranco

### **SPRING BREAK:**

#### **Al Otro Lado-Tijuana, Mexico & San Diego, CA:**

Angelo Gomez  
Amy Mantilla

Ashley Nunez  
Sean Werkheiser

#### **Women in Distress-Ft. Lauderdale:**

Bohdan Demidont  
Natalie Gonzalez  
Sophia Heidler

Estefania Hernandez  
David Somoza  
Christina Velazquez

#### **New York County Defender Services-New York, NY:**

Victor Alvarado Graterol  
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Patricia Herrera

Kira Mikes  
Radha Patel

## **EVERGLADES CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM**

Joely Arai	Carlisle Linehan
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Monica Diaz	Bari Steel
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Julia Hollo	Julia Zayas
Sadye Kaner	Olivia Zukowski
Madison Lank	

## **ACLU DETENTION DATABASE PROJECT**

Lissie Alborno	Irene Bourlatski
Kristina Bergman	Silvia Cruz

## **PULITZER PROJECT**

Amelia Anderson	Timothy Mondloch
Madeline Feit	Radha Patel
Emily Finch	Addiel Perez
Cassandra Hacker	Greta Schultz
Elizabeth Hansel Collins	

# HOPE CHALLENGES

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE CHALLENGE**

Students pledge to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service each year. The following students have met the challenge for 2023-2024:

Madison Borkovich	Lia Rosado
Marisa Ewing	Alejandro Sanz
Madeline Feit	Emma Sheridan
Emily Finch	Gabriella Socarras
Brittany Findley	Caitlin Wilson
Aaron Gluck	Kaleigh Young
Alexis Handler	
Sophia Heidler	

We would like to recognize and congratulate those students who have gone above and beyond and have logged the greatest number of community service hours among their peers this year.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (2023-2024)**

- Outstanding 1L.....Marisa Ewing
- Outstanding 2L.....Kaleigh Young
- Outstanding 3L.....Emma Sheridan

### **PRO BONO CHALLENGE**

Students pledge to complete at least 75 hours of pro bono service before graduation. The following students have met the challenge:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gabriella Alfaro, 3L         | Brittany Hicks, 3L*       |
| Arianna Amato, 2L            | Emily Hill, 3L            |
| Amelia Anderson, 3L*         | Ummul-Baneen Jafry, 2L    |
| Joely Arai, 3L*              | Jacqueline Jakimowicz, 3L |
| Nicole Azarian, 2L           | Meryl Jimenez, 3L         |
| Gianna Balli, 3L             | Emily Kaufman, 3L         |
| Danielle Berkowitz, 3L*      | Zachary Kaufman, 3L       |
| Mollie Blank, 2L             | Natalie Keller, 3L*       |
| Sarah Boger, 3L*             | Maryann Lennon, 3L        |
| Alexander Bruno, 3L          | Jonathan Lesgart, 3L      |
| Preston Buchanan, 3L*        | Jodi Lewis, 3L            |
| Danielle Bukacheski, 3L*     | Ann Turner Light, 3L      |
| Alexandra Buroz Morales, 2L  | Krishtine Loaiza, 3L      |
| Nelly Cabrera, 3L            | Andrew Lucas, 2L          |
| Dane Chapman, 3L             | Matt Mackey, 2L           |
| July Choi, 3L                | Paula Manrique, 3L        |
| Andrew Co, 2L                | Andrew Mascia, 2L         |
| Rashawn Cobourne, 2L         | Kelsey McCarty, 3L        |
| Elizabeth Hansel Collins, 3L | Kelsey McGonigle, 3L*     |
| Jeremy Connell               | Timothy Mondloch, 3L*     |
| Clady Corona, 3L             | Katherine Murray, 3L      |
| Etienne Cote, 2L             | Marisa Nichols, 2L        |
| Laura Curry, 3L*             | Ashley Nunez, 2L          |
| Courtney Dash, 3L*           | Thomas Ossi, 2L           |
| Theo De Sa-Kaye, 3L*         | Jonathan Painter, 3L      |
| Jenna De Stefano, 3L*        | Leat Perez, 3L            |
| Arianna Diaz Wightman, 3L    | Oleh Petrenko, 3L         |

Kristen Doghramji, 3L\*  
 Kamran Douglas, 3L\*  
 Shevauna Dumay, 3L  
 Austin Edwards, 3L  
 Taylor Evans, 3L  
 Amber Fabian, 2L  
 Madeline Feit, 2L  
 Brian Fernandez, 2L  
 Lance Fleschner, 2L  
 Ceclia Flores, 3L  
 Reed Fricke, 2L  
 Suzannah Friscia, 3L  
 Emily Gafcovich, 2L  
 Aaron Gluck, 2L  
 Ethan Goldberg, 3L  
 Angelo Gomez, 2L\*  
 Natalie Gonzalez, 1L  
 Ashton Greusel, 3L\*  
 Shirley Grinstein, 3L\*  
 Victoria Guevara, 3L  
 Kaylin Guzman, 2L  
 Elizabeth Hendrickson, 2L  
 Carly Herskowitz, 3L  
 Joseph Klass, 3L  
 Ashley Knoblauch, 3L\*  
 Hannah Krueger, 3L  
 Elena Lacorte, 3L  
 Gisell Landrian, 3L  
 Madison Lank, 2L

Gladys Planes Marrero, 3L  
 Delaney Reynolds, 3L  
 Lia Rosado, 2L  
 Gabriela Rivero, 3L\*  
 Marina Rubio, 3L  
 Alejandro Sanz, 2L  
 Greta Schultz, 2L  
 Maddison Sharp, 2L  
 Isaiah Shechtman, 2L  
 Adela Sijercic, 3L  
 Jenna Skop, 2L  
 Omarley Spence, 2L  
 Bari Steel, 3L\*  
 Mackenzie Steele, 3L  
 Julia Steiner, 2L  
 Ashley Sukhram, 3L  
 Kediejah Sullivan, 3L\*  
 Caitlin Tabor, 3L  
 Nicole Vahlkamp, 2L  
 Christina Velazquez, 2L\*  
 Dorian Anastasia Vergos, 3L\*  
 Thomas Webb, 3L  
 Sean Werkheiser, 3L\*  
 Kaleigh Young, 2L  
 Tianjin Zhang, 3L

\*Denotes student who previously met Challenge

We would like to recognize and congratulate those students who have gone above and beyond and have logged the greatest number of pro bono hours among their peers during this academic year.

**PRO BONO HOURS (2023-2024)**

- Outstanding 1L.....Natalie Gonzalez
- Outstanding 2L.....Kaleigh Young
- Outstanding 3L.....Joseph Klass



## **LAW REVIEW-MOOT COURT CHALLENGE**

The University of Miami Law Review and the Charles C. Papy, Jr. Moot Court Board recognize the importance of giving back to the community. The Law Review-Moot Court Challenge was established in 2012 out of this joint commitment to service and doing good in the community. Each year, the organizations challenge each other to log more pro bono hours than the other. The Challenge culminates at the Public Interest Recognition Ceremony, where a three-foot gavel, known as the Gavel of Giving, is awarded to the winning organization for the following year.

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Alexandria Cinney, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Miami Law Children & Youth Law Clinic.

In 2022, Alex was named a 2022 Greenberg Traurig Equal Justice Works Fellow. Her fellowship will prevent the unnecessary removal of children by providing direct representation to parents and caregivers before an investigation has taken place or before a petition for removal has been filed. She will advocate for families confronted with eviction, domestic violence, and public benefits matters, enabling them to continue caring for their children safely within their homes. She will collaborate with local parent-led advocacy groups to amplify community and parent voices within the child welfare system.

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# 2024 HOPE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS

## **EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD**

This award is presented to a student who has gone above and beyond in the provision of services to those most in need. The students are selected based on the following criteria: commitment to addressing unmet needs of the poor, demonstrated commitment and leadership through service, and individuals who choose their involvement in ways to promote access to justice for those living in poverty.

Emily Hill-Litigation Skills Program/Miami-Dade Public Defender

Jordan Brooks-Human Rights Clinic

## **INNOVATIVE SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD**

This award recognizes innovation in the creation of a new program, or in the meaningful expansion of an existing program. This award recognizes the need for creativity, commitment, and vision in implementing programs, systems, and services to address the unmet legal needs of others. Awardees may have dedicated their work to individuals, communities or through policy reform and systemic change initiatives.

Elizabeth Hansel Collins & Milla Dibo-Beyond the Bars

Nicholas Stelter-Human Rights Clinic

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Thank you to our donors for supporting Miami Law students engaged in public interest and pro bono projects and fellowships.

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Never doubt that a  
small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens  
can change the world.  
Indeed, it is the only thing  
that ever has.

—Margaret Mead

