

Judge Daniel Boggs

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Louisville, Kentucky



Judge Boggs was born in Havana, Cuba, October 23, 1944. He grew up in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and then attended Harvard College. He received his A.B. degree cum laude from Harvard in 1965, after twice winning the Coolidge Debate Prize and serving as President of the National Model General Assembly. He attended the University of Chicago Law School on a Mechem Scholarship, was elected to Law Review, and won the Hinton Moot Court competition. After receiving his Juris Doctor degree in 1968, and being elected to Order of the Coif, he taught at the Law School for the 1968-69 academic year.

He then returned to Kentucky, where he served as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Economic Security (1969-70), Legal Counsel to the Governor (1970-71) and Legislative Counsel to the Minority in the State House of Representatives (1972).

He was called to Washington, where he served as Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States (1973-75), Assistant to the Chairman of the Federal Power Commission (1975-77), and Deputy Minority Counsel to the United States Senate Energy Committee (1977-79). He then left government and entered private practice. He returned to serve as Assistant Director of the White House Office of Policy Development and Special Assistant to the President of the United States (1981-83), and Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy (1983-86).

In 1986 he was appointed by the President to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Following his appointment to the bench, he led three missions under the auspices of the United States Department of State, teaching American jurisprudence at the the judicial academy of the Soviet Union (May 1991), the Commonwealth of Independent States (October 1991), and Russia (June 1993). By appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States, he served on the Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules of the Judicial Conference Conference of the United States from 1992-94. From 1994 to 2000, he served on the Judicial Conference Committee on Automation, and chaired its Budget subcommittee. He served as chair of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association 2001-02. Judge Boggs served as Chief Judge of the Sixth Circuit from 2003 to 2009. In 2008, he was appointed by the Chief Justice as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Scott Bullock

The Institute for Justice



Scott Bullock joined the Institute for Justice at its founding in 1991 and now serves as a senior attorney. Although he has litigated in all of the Institute's areas, his current work focuses on property rights and economic liberty cases in federal and state courts.

In property rights, Bullock has been involved in many cases challenging the use of eminent domain for private development. He argued the landmark case, *Kelo v. City of New London*, one of the most controversial and widely discussed U.S. Supreme Court decisions in decades. He was co-counsel in the first state supreme court victory after *Kelo*, where the Supreme Court of Ohio unanimously struck down the use of eminent domain for private development. Some of his other successes in this area include spearheading the litigation that saved a beachfront neighborhood in Long Branch, New Jersey, a small record label in Nashville, Tennessee, and the homes of the Archie family in Canton, Mississippi.

In addition to litigation, Bullock works extensively on grassroots campaigns with homeowners, small business owners, and activists throughout the country to oppose condemnations for private use. Following the *Kelo* decision, he drafted legislation and testified before numerous committees when legislatures began reforming abusive eminent domain laws.

Bullock also directs the Institute's campaign against civil forfeiture, a nationwide effort to challenge the ability of governments to take property from owners without a criminal conviction. He led the litigation team that successfully defended the Motel Caswell from a forfeiture attempt by the U.S. Attorney's office in Boston. He is co-author of *Policing for Profit*, a comprehensive report published in 2010 documenting forfeiture abuse at all levels of government.

Among his work on other constitutional issues, Bullock represented the monks of St. Joseph Abbey in their challenge to a Louisiana law that prevented them from selling hand-made wooden caskets. That case led to a landmark decision by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals protecting economic liberty. He served as lead counsel in the Institute's First Amendment challenge to a federal agency's campaign against investment newsletters, computer software and websites, establishing an early precedent extending free speech guarantees to Internet and software publishers. He also has led successful lawsuits against rental inspection laws on behalf of tenants and defending efforts to open up taxi markets to more competition.

Bullock's articles and views on constitutional litigation have appeared in a wide variety of media. He has published articles in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* and he has appeared on *60 Minutes*, *ABC Nightly News*, and *National Public Radio*, among many other publications and broadcasts.

His volunteer activities include serving on the boards of HR-57, a Washington, D.C.-based music and cultural center dedicated to the promotion of jazz and a national forfeiture reform organization.

Bullock was born in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and grew up outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his B.A. in economics and philosophy from Grove City College.

Paul Sherman

The Institute for Justice



Paul Sherman is a senior attorney with the Institute for Justice. He joined the Institute in July 2007 and litigates cutting-edge constitutional cases protecting the First Amendment, economic liberty, property rights and other individual liberties in both federal and state courts.

Paul has litigated extensively in the area of campaign finance. He currently represents a group of Florida political activists in *Worley v. Roberts*, a challenge to state campaign finance laws that burden the right of citizens to pool money for independent ads about ballot issues. Paul also served as co-counsel in *SpeechNow.org v. FEC*, which the Congressional Research Service described as representing one of “the most fundamental changes to campaign finance law in decades.”

In addition to his First Amendment practice, Paul also litigates in the area of economic liberty. He is currently lead counsel in *Martinez v. Mullen*, a challenge to Connecticut dentists’ monopoly on teeth-whitening services. In 2009, Paul scored a victory for Mercedes Clemens, a Maryland entrepreneur whose equine-massage business had been illegally shut down by state officials.

Paul’s views and writings on the First Amendment and constitutional law have appeared in traditional media like *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *National Review*, and in new media like the *Volokh Conspiracy*, *Reason Hit & Run*, *Hot Air* and IJ’s First Amendment blog, *Congress Shall Make No Law*.

Paul received his law degree with honors from the George Washington University Law School in 2006. While at GW, he served on the board of the Public Contract Law Journal. He earned a master’s degree in political campaigning from the University of Florida in 2003, and bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Florida in 2001. Before coming to the Institute, Paul worked as the associate director of the Center for Competitive Politics, a nonprofit organization that works to educate the public and government leaders on the dangers of campaign finance restrictions, the real impact of money in politics and the benefits of a more free and competitive political system.

Todd Zywicki

George Mason University School of Law Professor of Law



Todd Zywicki is Foundation Professor and a Senior Scholar of the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, and Senior Fellow at the F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. In 2009, Professor Zywicki was the recipient of the Institute for Humane Studies 2009 Charles G. Koch Outstanding IHS Alumni Award. In 2012, he was awarded the Society for the Development of Austrian Economics prize for “Best Article in Austrian Economics” for his article “Hayekian Anarchism” (co-authored with Edward Peter Stringham). He has served as Co-Editor of the Supreme Court Economic Review since 2006 and as Editor from 2001-2002. From 2003-2004, Professor Zywicki served as the Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission. He teaches in the area of Bankruptcy, Contracts, Commercial Law, Business Associations, Law & Economics, and Public Choice and the Law. He has also taught at Vanderbilt University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, Boston College Law School, and Mississippi College School of Law.

Professor Zywicki clerked for Judge Jerry E. Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and worked as an associate at Alston & Bird in Atlanta, Georgia, where he practiced bankruptcy and commercial law. He received his J.D. from the University of Virginia, where he was executive editor of the Virginia Tax Review and John M. Olin Scholar in Law and Economics. Professor Zywicki also received an M.A. in Economics from Clemson University and an A.B. cum Laude with high honors in his major from Dartmouth College.

Randy Barnett

Georgetown University Law Center



Randy E. Barnett is the Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Legal Theory at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he directs the Georgetown Center for the Constitution and teaches constitutional law and contracts. After graduating from Northwestern University and Harvard Law School, he tried many felony cases as a prosecutor in the Cook County States' Attorney's Office in Chicago. In 2004, he argued the medical marijuana case of *Gonzalez v. Raich* before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2011-12 he represented the National Federation of Independent Business in its constitutional challenge to the Affordable Care Act.

Professor Barnett has been a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern, and the Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala. He delivered the Kobe 2000 lectures in jurisprudence at the University of Tokyo and Doshisha University in Kyoto. In 2008, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in Constitutional Studies. Professor Barnett's opinion pieces appear regularly in such publications as *The Wall Street Journal*. He frequently appears on news programs on CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, and Fox News, as well as on the *Ricki Lake Show*. In 2007, Professor Barnett was featured in the documentaries, *The Trials of Law School* and *In Search of the Second Amendment*. He portrayed an assistant prosecutor in the independent film *InAlienable*, released in 2010, which stars Richard Hatch, Courtney Peldon, Marina Sirtis, Erick Avari, and Walter Koenig.

Bert Gall



The Institute for Justice

Bert Gall serves as a senior attorney at the Institute for Justice. Gall litigates economic liberty, free speech, school choice and property rights cases nationwide in both federal and state courts.

Gall directs IJ's National Street Vending Initiative, a nationwide effort to vindicate the right of street vendors to earn an honest living by fighting unconstitutional vending restrictions in courts of law and the court of public opinion. He served as co-counsel in IJ's successful challenge to El Paso's protectionist restrictions on mobile vendors, which resulted in El Paso repealing those restrictions. He is also a co-author of *Streets of Dreams*, IJ's report on how regulations in America's fifty largest cities stifle street vending for no other purpose than to protect brick-and-mortar businesses from competition.

In his First Amendment practice, Gall served as co-counsel in *SpeechNow.org v. FEC*, in which IJ successfully challenged federal campaign finance laws' restrictions on free speech and the right of association. He was lead counsel in the Institute's successful challenge to Florida's "electioneering communications" law, which required groups and individuals to register with the state and comply with onerous regulations if they merely wanted to mention candidates or ballot issues in their publications. Bert also successfully defended a group of home and business owners in Clarksville, Tenn., who were sued by two developers (one a local politician) for criticizing the developers and their local government for abusing the power of eminent domain for private development.

In the area of property rights, Bert served as co-counsel for home and business owners in *Norwood v. Horney*, the first eminent domain abuse case to be argued and decided by a state supreme court in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision. In ruling for the property owners, the Court unanimously held that taking private property for private economic development violates the Ohio Constitution.

Bert received his law degree from Duke University in 1999, where he served as an articles editor on the staff of *Law and Contemporary Problems*. He received his undergraduate degree from Rice University in 1996 where he majored in history and political science. Before coming to the Institute, he spent two years in private practice at a Helms Mulliss & Wicker in Charlotte, where he worked on a wide variety of commercial litigation cases. After law school, he clerked for Judge Karen Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

In 2009, Bert was recognized by *The National Law Journal* as one of its "Rising Stars: Washington's 40 under 40," which honored the top 40 lawyers under the age of 40 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Paul Avelar



The Institute for Justice- Arizona office

Paul Avelar serves as a staff attorney with the Institute for Justice’s Arizona office. He joined the Institute in March 2010 and litigates free speech, school choice, property rights, economic liberty and other constitutional cases in both federal and state courts.

Paul has represented people across the country whose free speech rights have been trampled by campaign finance laws. In *Arizona Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*, he represented a group of candidates and independent groups in a successful Supreme Court challenge to the “matching funds” provision of Arizona’s publicly financed elections system which created significant disincentives to engaging in political speech and limits on campaign expenditures protected by the First Amendment. Paul also represents grassroots groups and individuals in Arizona, Mississippi, and Washington whose political speech has been limited and burdened by laws requiring them to register with the government and navigate a complex web of regulations and face fines and possible criminal penalties just to talk about political issues of the day.

Paul is lead counsel in a challenge to a Utah licensing scheme that violates individuals’ right to earn an honest living. Utah requires African hairbraiders to spend as much as \$18,000 for 2,000 hours of instruction – none of which actually teaches you how to braid hair. This scheme violates both the U.S. and Utah constitutions, so Paul and IJ are working to restore Utahans’ economic liberty.

Paul also works through the media and legislation to educate the public and protect individual liberty. Paul’s work on constitutional law at IJ has been featured by syndicated columnist George F. Will and John Stossel, among others. He is the President of the Phoenix Lawyers’ Chapter of the Federalist Society.

Prior to joining IJ-AZ, Paul spent three years as an attorney in Philadelphia with Pepper Hamilton LLP. He is a former law clerk to the late Judge Roger Miner of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Justice Andrew Hurwitz of the Arizona Supreme Court, and Judge Daniel Barker of the Arizona Court of Appeals.

Paul received his law degree magna cum laude from the Arizona State University College of Law in 2004 and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 2000.

Clark Neily



The Institute for Justice

Clark Neily joined the Institute for Justice as a senior attorney in 2000. He litigates economic liberty, property rights, school choice, First Amendment, and other constitutional cases in both federal and state courts.

He served as counsel in a successful challenge to Nevada's monopolistic limousine licensing practices, which effectively prevented small-business-persons from operating their own limousine services in the Las Vegas area. He was the lead attorney in the Institute's successful defense of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy against a lawsuit by the Michigan Education Association challenging the Center's right to quote the MEA's president in fundraising literature, and he led IJ's opposition to a nationwide effort to cartelize the interior design industry through anti-competitive occupational licensing requirements. Clark is also a member of the Institute's school choice team. Besides representing parents and children in defense of Florida's Opportunity Scholarship Program and school choice programs in Arizona, Maine, Milwaukee, and elsewhere, he has participated in many debates in support of school choice.

Clark helped create the Institute's Center for Judicial Engagement, which was designed to challenge the unconstitutional expansion of government by articulating a principled vision of judicial review, educating the public about the importance of a properly engaged judiciary, and advocating the Constitution as a charter of liberty and a bulwark against the illegitimate assumption of government power. Clark has written a book about judicial engagement, titled *Terms of Engagement: How Our Courts Should Enforce the Constitution's Promise of Limited Government*.

In his private capacity, Clark served as co-counsel for the plaintiffs in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the historic case in which the Supreme Court announced for the first time that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to own a gun for self-defense.

Before joining the Institute for Justice, Clark spent four years as a litigator at the Dallas-based firm Thompson & Knight, where he worked on a wide variety of matters including professional malpractice, First Amendment and media law, complex commercial cases, and intellectual property litigation. Clark received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas, where he was Chief Articles Editor of the Texas Law Review. After law school, he clerked for Judge Royce Lamberth on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Chip Mellor

The Institute for Justice



William H. (Chip) Mellor serves as President and General Counsel of the Institute for Justice, which he co-founded in 1991. He litigates cutting-edge constitutional cases nationwide protecting economic liberty, property rights, school choice, and the First Amendment. IJ is headquartered in Arlington, Va., and has offices in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, and Washington state. IJ pursues strategic public interest litigation that combines courtroom advocacy with award-winning media relations, activism, and strategic research to secure constitutional protection for individual rights.

Under Mellor's leadership, the Institute for Justice has litigated five U.S. Supreme Court cases, winning all but one: In *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*, the Institute for Justice successfully defended Cleveland's school choice program from a lawsuit brought by the teachers' unions and other school choice opponents to establish the constitutionality of school vouchers. In *Granholm v. Heald*, the Supreme Court struck down New York's ban on interstate wine sales, allowing small wineries and consumers represented by IJ to successfully challenge a government-imposed wholesale wine and liquor monopoly. In *Kelo v. City of New London*, the Supreme Court ruled against the Institute in a controversial 5-4 decision that held private property can be taken for private development. IJ mobilized unprecedented public outrage over the decision to secure legislative reforms or state supreme court decisions in 46 states that strengthened protection for property rights. In *Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization v. Winn*, the Supreme Court dismissed an Establishment Clause challenge to Arizona's scholarship tax credit program because the Court recognized that individuals who donate to private, nonprofit scholarship-granting organizations spend their own money – not state funds. The Institute's latest high court victory came in June 2011 in *Arizona Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*, where the Court struck down a key provision of Arizona's system of government-funded campaigns, which showered money on campaigns that took government funding when privately financed and independent speakers opposing them spoke more than the government wanted.

Mellor co-authored with the Cato Institute's Bob Levy *The Dirty Dozen: How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom*, which examines 12 Supreme Court cases that effectively amended the Constitution and profoundly reshaped the role of government in America. In *The Dirty Dozen*, Mellor and Levy argue for judicial engagement and for a Supreme Court that will enforce what the Constitution actually says about civil liberties, property rights, and many other controversial issues.

Mellor personally litigated lawsuits that broke open Denver's 50-year-old taxi monopoly and ended the funeral industry's monopoly on casket sales in Tennessee, achieving the first federal appellate court victory for economic liberty under the 14th Amendment since the New Deal. He launched the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago in 1998 and IJ's Center for Judicial Engagement in 2011.

Mellor's regular "Constitutional Crossroads" column is carried on Forbes.com. His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Financial Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Boston Globe*, *New York Post*, *National Law Journal*, *Reason*, *National Review*,

Investor's Business Daily, and all the major television and radio networks. In his Fox Business show *Stossel*, John Stossel named Mellor a "Champion of Freedom" in a 2012 broadcast.

Prior to founding IJ, Mellor served as president of the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy, a nationally recognized "think tank" located in San Francisco. Under his leadership, the Institute commissioned and published path-breaking books on civil rights, property rights, and technology and the First Amendment that formed the Institute for Justice's long-term, strategic litigation blueprint.

Mellor also served in the Reagan Administration as Deputy General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations in the Department of Energy, and from 1979 to 1983, he practiced public interest law with Mountain States Legal Foundation in Denver. Mellor received his J.D. from the University of Denver School of Law in 1977. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1973.

Mellor sits on the board of directors for the Donors Capital Fund, and the Kern Family Foundation. He is a member of the Mont Pelerin Society and a 2012 recipient of the Bradley Prize.

Roger Pilon

CATO Institute



Roger Pilon is the founder and director of Cato's Center for Constitutional Studies, which has become an important force in the national debate over constitutional interpretation and judicial philosophy. He is the publisher of the *Cato Supreme Court Review* and is an adjunct professor of government at Georgetown University through The Fund for American Studies. Prior to joining Cato, Pilon held five senior posts in the Reagan administration, including at State and Justice, and was a National Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution. In 1989 the Bicentennial Commission presented him with its Benjamin Franklin Award for excellence in writing on the U.S. Constitution. In 2001 Columbia University's School of General Studies awarded him its Alumni Medal of Distinction. Pilon lectures and debates at universities and law schools across the country and testifies often before Congress. His writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Legal Times*, *National Law Journal*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, *Stanford Law & Policy Review*, and elsewhere. He has appeared on ABC's *Nightline*, CBS's *60 Minutes II*, Fox News Channel, NPR, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, and other media. Pilon holds a B.A. from Columbia University, an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from the George Washington University School of Law.

Lisa Knepper



The Institute for Justice

Lisa Knepper helps manage the Institute's strategic research initiative, which creates policy and social science research on issues central to IJ's mission – school choice, private property rights, economic liberty and free speech.

Knepper co-authored IJ's reports *Streets of Dreams: How Cities Can Create Economic Opportunity by Knocking Down Protectionist Barriers to Street Vending and License to Work: A National Study of Burdens from Occupational Licensing*.

Before working as a director of strategic research, Knepper served as the Institute's director of communications, securing news coverage in outlets nationwide, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *CBS Evening News* and National Public Radio.

Knepper joined the Institute in December 2001 from Hill and Knowlton, a global communications firm, where she specialized in public relations for technology companies, including Compaq and Sony PlayStation. She also worked as a media relations and promotions adviser for several entertainment and technology companies in Los Angeles. Prior to working in communications, Knepper worked for the Institute for Humane Studies as a program coordinator.

Knepper graduated from The Ohio State University, where she majored in political science and economics with a minor in philosophy.

John Kramer

The Institute for Justice



John Kramer is freedom's PR man.

His strategic media relations work—coupled with IJ's litigation—has protected homes and small businesses nationwide from eminent domain abuse, and secured the rights of entrepreneurs to earn an honest living when the government sought to shut them out. Kramer's work in the court of public opinion helped ensure that First Amendment protections were extended to the Internet and he directed the successful PR effort to strike down a federal law that made it a felony to compensate bone marrow donors—a victory that has the potential to save thousands of American lives each year.

Applying market-based principles, he has helped the Institute for Justice personalize, humanize and dramatize its stories of individual liberty to the mainstream media.

Kramer directed the media relations in six landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases:

- *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*, in which the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of school choice;
- *Swedenburg v. Kelly*, in which the Supreme Court vindicated economic liberty by permitting the interstate shipment of wine directly to consumers;
- *Kelo v. City of New London*, the eminent domain case which led to a nationwide backlash against this often-abused power of government;
- *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in which the Supreme Court struck down D.C.'s ban on hand guns and held that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for private use;
- *Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization v. Winn*,
- *Arizona Freedom Club PAC v. Bennett*, in which the Supreme Court struck down the "matching funds" provision of Arizona's campaign finance "Clean Elections" Act as an unconstitutional violation of free speech.

Kramer lectures nationwide on the fundamentals of media relations, including at the Institute's conferences. His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and *The New York Times*, among other news outlets. His work spotlighting eminent domain abuse was featured by Mike Wallace on *60 Minutes*. His media relations work, video script writing and billboard campaigns for the Institute for Justice have earned him some of the top awards given by the Public Relations Society of America, the International Association of Business Communicators, the Outdoor Advertising Association of America and other organizations. Kramer was featured as a "Voice of Authority" on public relations and the law in the nation's leading public relations textbook, "The Practice of Public Relations," by Fraser Seitel.

Kramer received a bachelor's degree in journalism from New Mexico State University. In 2014, NMSU selected him as a distinguished alumnus, an honor given to fewer than 450 alumni since the award's inception in 1956. He received his graduate training in journalism at the University of Nevada-Reno, where he taught introductory journalism. In his spare time Kramer enjoys working on his versions of the great American novel and oil painting.

Bob McNamara

The Institute for Justice



Robert McNamara serves as a senior attorney with the Institute for Justice. He joined the Institute in August 2006 and litigates cutting-edge constitutional cases protecting the First Amendment, property rights, economic liberty and other individual liberties in both federal and state courts.

Robert's practice has ranged from litigating in defense of tour guides' First Amendment right to talk for a living to protecting property owners from eminent domain abuse. He also directs IJ's National Transportation Initiative, which fights for the rights of taxi, limousine, and other transportation entrepreneurs nationwide, and was co-counsel in *Flynn v. Holder*, IJ's landmark challenge to the federal prohibition on compensating bone-marrow donors.

Robert's opinions and views on legal issues have been featured in outlets including *The Atlantic Monthly*; *The Boston Globe*; *The Wall Street Journal*; *CNN.com*; NPR's *All Things Considered*; and *Fox News Channel*. His writing has been published in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and other outlets nationwide.

Robert is a graduate of Boston University and the New York University School of Law. While at NYU, he was a founding member and eventual Editor-in-Chief of the *NYU Journal of Law & Liberty*, a scholarly journal dedicated to the critical exploration of classical liberal ideas. He currently lives in Virginia with his wife and daughter.

Attendee Biographies

James Allen

Georgetown University, 2016

James P. Allen was born and raised in an obscure cranny of Southern California called the Coachella Valley. He attended boarding school in Carpinteria, a small beach community in the same state. Before and after college at UC Berkeley, he taught, studied, and lived in Asia and Europe. He is now about to complete his first year at Georgetown University Law Center. His hobbies consist of Yoga, books, the outdoors, and dancing. He has been active in the liberty movement since 2008 working on campaigns ranging from Palm Desert City Council to the Presidency. He is totally stoked to be working this summer for the Institute for Justice, the coolest law firm in the world.

John Andren

Georgetown University, 2016

John Andren is a Northern Virginia native and graduate of George Mason University. After an introduction to Public Choice and Law and Economics at Mason, John's growing interest in the intersection of the law and social sciences led him to law school. John would like to get involved with public interest litigation to both help advance individual liberty by helping those who need it, and to make the government's regulatory efforts as painful for them as they are for the rest of America. In his free time, John enjoys cycling, playing golf (poorly), and, when he can get up early enough, watching Formula One racing.

Fredrick T. Bedsworth

Florida State University, 2016

Fredrick Bedsworth received his B.A. in Economics and Political Science at California State University San Marcos. As an undergraduate student Fredrick took courses in political philosophy and Public Choice, which later influenced his decision to pursue a PhD in Economics. His interest in public interest law follows from his coursework in related areas and from following the Institute for Justice's work for several years. Fredrick is currently working on his PhD in Economics at Florida State University. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor activities and the occasional movie or video game.

Tommy Berry

Stanford University, 2016

Tommy was born in Madison, WI, and moved around frequently with his family as his mother pursued a career in academia, eventually settling in the suburbs of Atlanta, GA, where his mother is a professor at Georgia Tech. His father claims that the first thing he said to Tommy after he

was born was “I will never send you to a public school,” and he kept that promise, homeschooling Tommy all the way through high school, with a brief interlude at a Montessori school for 2nd – 4th grade. He then went on to St. John’s Colleg. At St. John’s, Tommy was employed as the math assistant for freshman and sophomores, and served in student government all four years, culminating with a chairmanship senior year. Tommy spent three years at the Santa Fe campus of St. John’s and junior year at the Annapolis campus. After graduation, he went straight through to start at Stanford Law School, and is considering applying for a joint JD/Ph.D. in philosophy next year.

Anya Bidwell

University of Texas- Austin, 2016

Anya Bidwell came to America from Kyrgyzstan to attend college in Hawaii. After graduating with BA in Journalism she attendant graduate school in Public Policy at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. While in graduate school she worked as a research assistant helping a faculty member with his book on nuclear non-proliferation. She also interned as a foreign policy analysts at Stratfor. She decided to attend law school because of her fascination with American history and its Constitution. Her long-term goal is to help breathe life back into the privileges and immunities clause by overturning the Slaughterhouse cases.

Anthony M. Busch

Washington University in St. Louis, 2016

Tony Busch attended the University of South Carolina where he studied International Business, Corporate Finance, and Arabic. Following graduation, Tony worked for four years as an Arabic Media Analyst with the Department of Defense. During a lengthy internal legal challenge to the department for which he worked, Tony realized that important government policy is often shaped by a very small group of government lawyers. Therefore, Tony applied to Washington University School of Law in order to promote applications of government policy consistent with his libertarian philosophy. But for law school, Tony would normally be an avid tennis player. When not slaving over law school briefs, Tony spends time with his endlessly compassionate wife and their tortfeasing one-year-old son. He also enjoys studying Islamic law and perusing Arabic-language social media.

Samuel Block

Harvard University, 2016

Sam Block majored in journalism and creative writing at Northwestern University. He enjoys writing satire, Chicago sports (which are largely a joke), and visiting state capitals. He went

straight to law school because while he enjoyed covering government shortcomings as a journalist, he wanted to actually be able to do something about it.

Dr. Anton Burkov

Urals State, 1999

Dr. Anton Burkov received his law degree from Urals State Law Academy (1999), a candidate of legal science degree from Tiumen' State University (2005), an LLM from Essex University, and his PhD (Cambridge University). Since 1998 Anton Burkov is a member of The Urals Center for Constitutional and International Human Rights Protection. He is an advocate for human rights and has litigated cases in courts including the Russian Supreme and Constitutional Courts. He currently serves as legal representation in cases before national courts and the European Court of Human Rights. He has many publications, including: *The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights in Russian Courts* (2010), *The European Convention for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in Central and Eastern Europe* (2012), and *The Impact of the European Convention on Human Rights on Russian Law* (2007). Currently, Dr. Burkov chairs the European and Comparative Law Department of University of Humanities (Ekaterinburg, Russia) and litigates cases for clients of the non-governmental organisation Sutyajnik. This summer Anton Burkov is a Galina Starovoitova fellow at Kennan Institute, Wilson Center for International Scholars, conducting research on US experience in strategic litigation and public interest law. Anton enjoys speed skating, photography, and Argentine tango.

Scott Camuto

Michigan State University, 2017

Scott Camuto recently graduated from Boston College with a MA in Political Science and will be entering Michigan State's PHD program in Political Science this fall. His interests include federalism, state and local politics, interest groups, and quantitative methodology. Scott recently presented a paper at Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting critiquing the effectiveness of legislation passed in state legislatures in curbing eminent domain following the *Kelo v. City of New London*. This analysis aims to employ a quantitative analysis that builds on qualitative observations by legal scholars including Ilya Somin and Richard Epstein. Another recent project investigates state response to No Child Left Behind Act's burdensome requirements on school districts and lobbying efforts employed to be granted waivers to requirements rather than seeking outright termination of the legislation.

Heather Cook

University of Oklahoma, 2015

Heather Cook is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, where she studied journalism. After an extensive career in broadcasting, advertising, marketing, and public relations, she returned to the University of Oklahoma to pursue her Juris Doctorate. Her public interest work includes assisting victims of domestic violence with victim protective orders and providing legal services

to low-income clients through the OU Legal Clinic, where she gained trial experience as a guardian ad litem. Ms. Cook is a licensed legal intern and also a certified mediator with the Oklahoma Supreme Court and provides mediation services for family and domestic cases and small claims court. Last summer, she got to wear a barrister's wig while studying law overseas through OU's Oxford program. This summer, her public service work includes providing felony criminal defense for the Oklahoma County Public Defender's office and also working in private practice in a neighboring county. In her spare time, Ms. Cook enjoys canine agility, playing the ukulele, and cooking – but not all at once! A longtime resident of Norman and a die-hard Sooner fan, she also enjoys attending OU athletic events, including football and basketball. Boomer Sooner!

Kathleen Cornett

University of Chicago, 2016

Kathleen Cornett's interest in law and economics led her to the University of Chicago Law School, where she just finished her first year. A native of Atlanta, Kathleen graduated from The University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Economics. In the summer of 2011, Kathleen studied economics and international finance at Oxford University. Kathleen enjoys American and economic history, swimming, and running. Her interest in public interest law springs from her commitment to individual liberty. She recognizes the need to protect individuals from government abuses by defending property rights and economic freedoms.

Allison Daniel

Florida State University, 2015

Allison Daniel grew up in Orlando, Florida. She attended the University of Central Florida where she received her B.S. in Biology and B.S. in Legal Studies in 2012. She is currently attending Florida State University, and will receive her J.D. in 2015. She is co-president of the Federalist Society chapter at Florida State. Allison is passionate about private property rights and is an advocate for free-market environmentalism. She is interested in pursuing public interest litigation to defend private property. In her free time she enjoys surfing, golfing and kayaking.

Danielle Darling

Southwestern University, 2015

Danielle Darling is an incoming 3L at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, CA. She is the current Vice President and a founding member of the SW Chapter of the Federalist Society. Danielle graduated from Whittier College in 2010. As a first generation college student, she has always believed in giving back to the community. However, Danielle desires to serve in a more efficient way that limits government power and does not expand it, essentially giving more the the individual. Danielle is a passionate advocate for school choice, and individual property

rights. She is eager to gain more knowledge and experience on these issues during the IJ Public Interest Boot Camp. When she isn't studying, Danielle spends time working in her vegetable garden, dancing Flamenco, and serving in the children's ministry at her church.

Meggan DeWitt

George Mason University, 2016

Meggan DeWitt is a rising 2L at George Mason University School of Law. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with degrees in History and Political Science. In her free time, Meggan likes to hang out with her dogs, read, drink lots of coffee, and indulge in sarcasm. She has always wanted to attend law school because a J.D. will allow her to help the most people in the biggest ways. She would love to obtain a clerkship after graduation and then spend her life in public interest litigation, preferably handling takings cases.

Darwyn Deyo

George Mason University, 2015

Darwyn Deyo is currently enrolled in a doctoral economics program at George Mason University, with fields in industrial organization and law and economics. She has worked as a teaching assistant, and before that, as an investigative reporter for a capitol news bureau, *The PA Independent*. She is currently the Research Manager for the Economics and Research Team at the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) and conducts primary economic research on transportation. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from Saint Mary's College of California. During the summer of 2012, Darwyn was the economics research intern at the Institute for Justice. She is passionate about public interest law, particularly with regard to occupational licensing and property rights issues. It was IJ's landmark *Kelo v. New London* case that first interested her in the power of an activist judiciary. Further, her dissertation considers the impact of labor market regulations on those with the least economic power. Darwyn is a native of Long Beach, California and moved to the East Coast in 2009. In the spare time allotted to a graduate student, she enjoys recreational sailing and Scottish highland dancing.

Javier E. Portillo Elias

Florida State University, 2017

Javier Portillo is a PhD student in economics at Florida State University where he holds a Charles G. Koch Fellowship. He earned his Bachelor of Accountancy summa cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans where he majored in Accounting and Economics. While at Loyola, Javier was introduced to Austrian Economics, Public Choice Economics, and broader notions like property rights, externalities and so forth, which influenced his decision to pursue a PhD. He recently became interested in the intersection between law and economics after his

interactions with Dr. Bruce Benson at FSU. Javier is also JIN Fellow for the Institute for Humane Studies and an Adam Smith Fellow for the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. During his spare time, Javier enjoys playing basketball, video games, and watching movies or TV shows.

Josh Esses

Harvard University, 2016

Josh is a rising 2L from Stamford, Connecticut. He graduated with Highest Honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in Finance. Prior to law school, he worked as a Messenger for the Connecticut House Republicans in Hartford during the 2013 state legislative session. At HLS, he is the fearless captain of his section's intramural basketball team, and the VP of Speakers for the Harvard Federalist Society. He is interested in public interest law's promise in fighting back against governmental protectionism and freeing individuals from burdensome regulations.

Anna Faria

George Mason University, 2016

Anna B. Faria is an Economics Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA (2016). She is originally from Brazil and focuses her research on institutional and economic development in her home country. Having both parents and four siblings in the law business, Ms. Faria has sought from a young age to understand the impact of legislation on people's lives and on the state of the economy. She received a Bachelor's of Arts in Economics from James Madison University in 2012. Ms. Faria is a soccer enthusiast and cannot wait for another World Cup in Brazil.

Inez Feltscher

University of Virginia, 2015

Inez Feltscher decided to pursue public interest law after a stint working in school choice policy in Washington D.C., where she moved after completing her philosophy degree at University of California, San Diego. She became an activist for limited Constitutional government because of her family's experiences in the former Soviet Bloc. Her hobbies include travel, American history, Art Deco design, bourbon cocktails, and being belligerent, which supposedly isn't a negative character trait in this industry.

Tim Ford

University of Michigan, 2014

Tim has bounced from blue state to blue state. He left Michigan to attend Stanford, where he fought Bay Area-groupthink as the Editor-in-Chief of Stanford's conservative and libertarian newspaper. After working on Meg Whitman's policy team in her campaign for governor, he bailed on California to work as a legislative assistant to the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, DC. Realizing that he couldn't accomplish anything there, either, he decided to attend law school at the University of Michigan. At U of M, he was surprised to find just how one-sided the opportunities in public-interest law were. He continues to fight the good fight as President of the Federalist Society, but is still searching for his way to make an impact. He enjoys mixology, which may or may not be related to trying to convince everyone around him.

Lee Geffree

University of St. Thomas School of Law, 2015

Lee was born in Ticonderoga, New York, and moved west as a small child. She attended undergrad at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Law school was a natural choice, as reading and writing are a natural talent. In her spare time, Lee horseback rides and spends time with her dogs.

Alexa Gervasi

Georgetown University, 2017

A graduate from Texas A&M University, Alexa is now a second year student in Georgetown Law's evening program. During the day, Alexa is the Program Manager for Georgetown's Center for the Constitution. The Center, directed by Professor Randy Barnett, is dedicated to promoting Originalism as the proper method for constitutional interpretation and espousing the importance of constitutional conservatism. In her free time, Alexa can be found enjoying D.C.'s gems, like Old Town and Eastern Market, or catching up on the latest Netflix has to offer.

Alexandra Gillström

Uppsala University, 2014

Alexandra is a Swedish lawyer and works at Centrum för rättvisa – a public interest law firm in Stockholm. Her main hobbies are political philosophy, coffee-drinking and aerobics. Prior to her law studies Alexandra was engaged in youth politics.

Alexandra graduated from Uppsala University in the beginning of 2014. The title of her LL.M thesis is "Freedom of Enterprise and Tortious Commercial Activities of Municipal bodies – What is Seen and What is Unseen".

Anthony Guzman

University of California- Berkeley, 2016

After graduating from Fresno State with a degree in philosophy, Anthony Guzman turned his eyes towards Berkeley to pursue a career in law.

A self proclaimed "Passionate Aquarius", Anthony Guzman graduated from Fresno State in 2013 with a degree in Philosophy. Unfortunately after the economic downturn, and the closing of most of the philosophy factories Anthony turned his attention towards law school. Mr. Guzman is an avid public speaker, having competed in various moot court, negotiation, and mock trial tournaments as a proud member of Berkeley's Board of Advocates. He hopes to pursue a career involving constitutional law, and has a general love for all things involving motorcycles or the outdoors.

Brad Hull

Emory University, 2016

Brad graduated from Hendrix College in 2013 with a B.A. in philosophy.

Alexander Kazam

Yale University, 2016

Alexander Kazam graduated from Harvard in 2011 with a concentration in Government. His main interests in college were political philosophy, international relations and political journalism. After graduation he studied in Paris and worked as a research assistant at the Wall Street Journal. He learned about IJ through the Yale Law Federalist Society and looks forward to gaining a better understanding of how public interest litigation can advance classical liberal principles. His hobbies include photography and pick-up basketball.

John Kendrick

University of Virginia, 2016

John Kendrick is from Alexandria Virginia, and went to undergrad at William & Mary. He was a Koch Summer Fellow in 2011, interning at the Washington Legal Foundation. He went to law school because he wanted an intellectually challenging career, and enjoyed the adversarial aspect of the legal system. He is interested in public interest law since it seems like the most concrete and rewarding way to promote liberty. At the end of every lawsuit, there is a winner and a loser. We're all better off when liberty is on the winning side.

Kathryn Lavelle

New England University, 2016

Kathryn Lavelle attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ as an undergrad and is currently a 1L at New England Law | Boston.

Kathryn considers law school as a means to a legal career which will allow for Kathryn to work towards protecting individuals from unnecessary government interference; she believes there is no higher calling than public interest law because it not only protects the actions of the individual but it protects the individual from the actions of the government when it's reach extends too far. Kathryn's Hobbies/Interests: Federalist Society, Liturgical Ministry, Reading, Traveling, Swimming.

Kelsey Lenz

Washington University in St. Louis, 2016

Prior to attending law school Kelsey Lenz majored in Philosophy at Davidson College. While at Davidson she held leadership roles in a number of student organizations while also working at a small wealth management firm. Taken together, these experiences demonstrated to Kelsey the necessity of personal accountability and fiscal responsibility in building a sustainable social structure. By attending law school, she hopes to use the legal system as a tool to advocate for personal liberty in such a way as to encourage the development of both accountability and responsibility. In the infinite downtime afforded by law school, Kelsey enjoys yoga and cooking, though typically not at the same time.

Will Martin

University of Minnesota, 2016

Will recently completed his first year at the University of Minnesota Law School. After graduation, he hopes to return to the Seattle area and use his law degree to provide legal assistance to developing small businesses. In his free time, Will enjoys playing the guitar and drums, watching Mariners baseball, and exercising.

Nate Menard

University of Michigan, 2016

Nate received his undergrad degree from the University of Rhode Island in 2011 with a major in Political Science and minor in Business. Before attending law school, Nate worked as a financial analyst for an asset valuation firm. He decided to attend law school because he enjoys writing and wants to contribute to our country's policymaking. In his spare time, Nate enjoys working out, playing golf, and spending time with his fiancé and greyhound (Billie).

David McDonald

Columbia University, 2015

David is a rising 2L at Columbia Law School. Before starting law school he attended UCLA, where he majored in political science, and worked in a small law firm in Los Angeles. He enjoys

camping and, like any true Californian, loves spending time at the beach (although he unfortunately never did learn to surf). David tries to maintain his sanity while in law school by exploring New York City with friends and helping to run the CLS craft beer club. On Sunday nights, you can probably find him yelling at his TV while watching Game of Thrones. He's very excited to be at IJ this summer and can't wait to start working with everyone!

Sean Murphy

George Mason University, 2016

Sean Murphy received a B.A. from Loyola University Chicago, and an M.A. from The University of Chicago, and is currently a law student at George Mason in Arlington, VA. After completing a tour in the U.S. Air Force, Murphy decided to pursue a law degree. His legal interests include Public Interest Law, National Security Law, Criminal Law, and Property.

Raymond Nhan

University of Southern California-Gould University, 2014

Ray Nhan is a rising 3L at USC Gould School of Law. Originally from San Marino, CA, he attended UC Santa Barbara, graduating in 2012 with a degree in Political Science. Since his undergrad days, Ray has been involved with conservative and libertarian causes. He has served on countless political campaigns, was a member of the College Republicans, an intern with the Young America's Foundation, and most recently, served as the co-President of the Federalist Society at USC. Ray enjoys staying physically active, whether it is running, playing basketball, or going on an adventure. Ray was inspired to go to law school to preserve our Constitution's promise of liberty for future generations. Living by Jackie Robinson's creed "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives," Ray hopes to dedicate his life to fighting for liberty and freedom for all.

Susan O'Brien

University of Chicago, 2016

Sue has lived in New York, Florida, California, and now Chicago. She received a Bachelor's of Science from the University of Miami, and a Master's of Science from UCSC. She enjoys cycling, board games, and playing with her new puppy. She is excited to be using her background and interest in intellectual property this summer to help entrepreneurs with the IJ Clinic.

Veronika Polakova

Harvard University, 2016

Veronika Polakova is a first-year student at Harvard Law School. She attended the University of Virginia, where she majored in economics, concentrating on international trade and finance. Following her graduation in 2011, she worked in the economic policy department of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington DC for two years focusing primarily on fiscal policy research. Veronika's interest in tax policy and reform led her to attend law school and her experience working for a non-profit research organization generated her interest in public interest law.

Chelsea Pizzola**The George Washington University, 2016**

Chelsea Pizzola is a 1L at George Washington University Law School. She holds bachelor's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chelsea likes to read, knit, and attend dance classes. She decided to go to law school in hopes of helping entrepreneurs and small business owners overcome regulatory barriers to their success.

John-Michael Q. Seibler**Washington and Lee University, 2015**

John-Michael attended undergrad at Boston University where studied philosophy and rowed. He decided to go to law school to protect fundamental and inalienable freedoms from state encroachment, and focuses on public interest law to ensure those protections are met where they are most needed. John-Michael enjoys all water sports, archaeology, jazz and blues.

Brian Richman**Yale University, 2016**

Brian Richman is a member of the Class of 2016 at Yale Law School. At Yale, he is involved with the Landlord-Tenant Clinic, where he represents low-income tenants in eviction proceedings and other related matters. He is also a member of the Federalist Society and serves as a Lead Editor for the *Yale Journal on Regulation*. Before law school, Brian worked as a compliance analyst for Goldman, Sachs & Co. Based on his experience in economics and finance, Brian developed an interest in opening up markets to secure people's right to earn a living through honest enterprise. Brian graduated from Cornell University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Policy Analysis and Management. He was also a visiting student in economics and politics at the University of Oxford. Brian is originally from Wantagh, N.Y.

Carl Rizzi**Cornell University, 2016**

Carl was born and raised in Staten Island, New York, and attended undergrad at Manhattan College, where he majored in English. He worked for Citibank for two years before attending law school. Carl first learned about the Institute for Justice in 2008, which motivated him to go to law school to help others fight against the abuses of the legal system. At Cornell, Carl serves as Treasurer of both the Federalist Society chapter and the National Security Law and Policy Society, and he is President of the ADR Society. In his spare time, he enjoys weightlifting and taking pictures of the scenery in Ithaca.

Ari Roytenberg

Georgetown University, 2016

Ari Roytenberg is a 1L student at Georgetown. He attended Bentley University where he majored in finance and first decided he wanted to be a lawyer. His passion for the law stems from his immigrant parent's background of living in the Soviet Union. He believes in liberty as a first principle and this is what attracted him to IJ and public interest work in general. He enjoys playing tennis and watching art cinema in his free time.

Sam Rudik

University of Chicago, 2016

Sam Rudik attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Sam graduated from UF in 2012 with a B.A. in economics. After graduation, Sam worked as an intern at the Office of the State Attorney in Gainesville. His interests include soccer, basketball, and poker. Sam hopes to work as a public interest litigator after graduating from law school.

Kevin Smith

Texas Tech University, 2016

Kevin Smith is currently attending the Texas Tech University School of Law. In 2005, Kevin received his undergraduate degree in Political Science, summa cum laude, from Arizona State University. After working in the insurance industry for over a decade, he decided to go to law school. Kevin believes that a career in the legal profession will best serve his passion for politics and public interest law. Specifically, he hopes to be a meaningful contributor in the battle for school choice, which he believes is the most significant issue facing our nation today. When he has some free time, Kevin enjoys following his favorite sports team, the Chicago Cubs, and he is an avid firearms enthusiast.

Shane Snyder

West Virginia University, 2015

Shane Snyder graduated magna cum laude from Marshall University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science, as well as a minor in Religious Studies. Mr. Snyder is

now a rising 3L at the West Virginia University College of Law. In his spare time, Mr. Snyder likes spending time with his wife, shooting firearms, taking his dogs to the dog park, working on cars, and enjoying the great outdoors. Mr. Snyder is a strong advocate for liberty and personal rights. After witnessing, and being subject to, abuses of power by the police, Mr. Snyder was determined to obtain his law degree to help combat the encroachment on Americans' personal liberties by the government.

Tom Swanson

Columbia University, 2016

Tom was born and raised in Lincoln, NE, the oldest of seven children. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BA in Philosophy in 2013, and he is now a first-year student at Columbia Law School. In 2012, he spent a semester working for a member of British Parliament in London, UK and then worked at America's Future Foundation in Washington, D.C. (through the Koch Internship Program) over the summer. Tom was an intern at the Center for Competitive Politics in 2013. At Columbia, he participates in the Frederick Douglass National Moot Court Competition and he is active in his Federalist Society chapter. Outside of class and work, Tom is interested in live music, college sports (Go Irish and Go Big Red), philosophy, guitar, and rabble-rousing.

Johanna Talcott

Florida International University College of Law, 2016

Johanna Talcott attended the University of Florida for undergrad and Penn State University for graduate school, where she studied environmental archaeology. Now at the Florida International University College of Law, she ultimately wants to defend property owners against government appropriation and burdensome regulation. Johanna likes kayaking, good food, and binge watching TV shows, and she's been looking forward to this weekend at IJ.

William Tew

University of Virginia, 2016

Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, William Tew attended the University of Florida ('12), where he majored in Classics. After college, he worked at the Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., which introduced him to public interest work. He is interested in private property's relationship to the state, and he hopes that in his future career as a lawyer he will be

able to support property rights. He spends most of his free time reading. Subjects of special interest for him include ancient history and English poetry. While in Virginia, he has developed a deeper interest in the Early Republic and the Civil War as well.

Caleb Trotter

Loyola University- New Orleans, 2015

Caleb grew up in Oklahoma before moving to New Orleans to attend Tulane University. After college, Caleb worked in real estate investments, and banking before deciding to go to law school. Caleb decided to go to law school after reading story after story of IJ clients and the efforts they had to go through just to earn a living. When he is not studying, Caleb can be found watching Texas Rangers and New Orleans Saints games, or walking his Labrador Retriever, Solomon.

Devin Watkins

George Mason University, 2016

Devin Watkins was president of Liberty Talkers an organization dedicated to public speaking on topics of liberty and freedom. He was also a board member of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Oregon fighting for liberty candidates within the Republican Party. To that end Devin represented Oregon republicans at the Republican National Convention bound to vote for Ron Paul. Devin was also a software developer for the last decade working for companies such as Intel and WebMD after graduating from Stevens Institute of Technology. I am interested in public interest law as it allows me to focus on challenging improper government rules that take our liberty.

Mario Zelaya

California State University- Los Angeles, 2014

After graduating from SJSU, Mario spent a number of years working in the biotech industry. Deciding to leave the lab for more out-of-doors private sector endeavors, Mario switched career paths and began working in logistics and warehousing. From there, he moved into the construction industry, where he currently oversees the permitting of retail and modest commercial construction projects across the country. In the meantime, he has been pursuing a MA in political science at Cal State LA, with the principal aim of picking up some philosophical insights and analytical tools to help better understand the intersection where small business enterprise and public goals meet. Naturally, IJ's pillar of economic liberty interests him the most, particularly where inappropriate and excessive licensing and permitting are concerned. Mario is also a part-time musician and has recently released a CD of acoustic guitar-based music.

