Fall Fundraising Raffle

This past fall, PILS held a raffle with proceeds benefiting the PILS Outreach Assistantship fund. This fund provides Outreach Assistantships to students involved in unpaid public interest legal positions during the summer. PILS members sold raffle tickets to students, professor, staff, and community members. Supporters had the opportunity to win 4 different prizes: an iPad with a case, a Google Home Mini speaker, Comedy Sportz Club of Chicago improv class and tickets, and Quad City Symphony Orchestra tickets. After a month of raffle sales, PILS was able to raise $1,200. This amount is nearly the cost of one student’s summer stipend!

2018 Outreach Assistantship Recipients

Angelika Iwanicki, 2L,
During the summer of 2018, I had the opportunity to work for the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office as a Summer Law Clerk. Because the position was unpaid, the stipend I received from PILS made it possible for me to accept the position. Throughout the summer, I had the opportunity to conduct research, prepare discovery requests, and write memorandums, which bolstered my writing and research skills. Because the office consists of over 80 attorneys and various divisions, every day I had the opportunity to encounter unique situations. I always knew I wanted to work in the public sector, and thankfully, my summer experience solidified my aspirations.

Spencer Chikahisa, 2L,
This past summer I interned at the McLean County State's Attorney's Office in Bloomington, Illinois. During this internship, I was able to gain valuable and practical experience in the legal field. My time spent there solidified my interest in pursuing a career in criminal law. In addition to this, the work helped me to better understand the material in my classes. Being able to take advantage of opportunities like these are invaluable in law school. The PILS summer stipend made it possible for me to gain great experience and also help me maintain financial stability. Further, I have recently accepted an offer to return to the McLean County State's Attorney's Office this coming summer to complete an externship. I am grateful for organizations like PILS that continue to make the financial hardships of accepting unpaid internships much more manageable for students.
**Letter from the President**

I could not be prouder of the work the PILS members have done this school year so far. We have hosted two successful Pizza Sales sponsored by Barbri and Lexis, and the fall raffle exceeded our expectations.

PILS is currently planning the 24th Annual Northern Illinois University Public Interest Law Society Auction to be held on **Friday, April 5, 2019**. As you may know this event is one of our organization’s main ways of funding our students’ scholarships. We are able to provide these scholarships by obtaining donations that will be used in either the silent or live auction. In the past, alumni have donated sports team tickets, autographed memorabilia, wine tastings, golf outings, weekend escapes, and many more experiences. We are always looking for donations from throughout the Chicagoland area.

This year, we have seen an increase of students interested in Public Interest careers. This is exciting for our organization, and we are working hard to bring opportunities to our students. I believe the most important way we can encourage these students to pursue this path is to provide financial assistance. That is why PILS works so hard.

Interested in donating to the PILS Auction? Feel free to contact the Office of Career Opportunities and Professional Development by phone at 815.753.0589 or via email niupilsauction@gmail.com.

Katelyn Ditzler  
President, Public Interest Law Society

**Tyler Neher, Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office**

Over the summer I received a PILS stipend for my summer work at the Kane County State’s Attorney’s Office. During my time at the State’s Attorney’s Office, I researched the American’s with Disabilities Act focusing on inmates’ rights. I also drafted complaints for civil forfeitures and drafted memorandums informing my supervising attorney of the research I had completed. This was a great experience and gave me a solid foundation in researching, writing, and what it is like to work at a State’s Attorney’s Office. The PILS stipend helped me finance the commute to Geneva, where the Kane County Civil Division is located. The stipend allowed me to stay focused on my internship instead of having to get a part time job in addition to the internship. If you are considering working in the public sector, I would strongly recommend becoming involved with PILS.

**Save the Date**

**24th Annual PILS Auction**

**April 5, 2019**

**In Memory of Professor Dan Reynolds**
save the date

24TH ANNUAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SOCIETY AUCTION

Friday, April 5, 2019
5:30 pm—9:00 pm
Thurgood Marshall Gallery
Swen Parson Hall
DeKalb, Illinois
60115

All proceeds from the auction help provide financial assistance to students who take unpaid public interest legal positions over the summer.