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## **Buffalo Public Interest Law Program**

University at Buffalo School of Law

“There Is No Justice Without Equal Access”



Tickets for Auction

To Whom It May Concern:

The Buffalo Public Interest Law Program (“BPILP”) is a student-run non-profit within the University at Buffalo School of Law, which raises funds to provide fellowships for law students who wish to pursue careers in the “public interest,” both in Western New York and beyond. Many public interest employers (which include, but are not limited to local nonprofits, legal service agencies, and some governmental entities) are severely understaffed and underfunded; thus, they are unable to pay law student interns a salary. To help defray the costs for law students seeking to pursue such opportunities, BPILP sponsors fundraising events to raise money for a set of summer fellowships, which are awarded at the end of each academic year.

In previous years, businesses, families, and individuals across Western New York have generously supported BPILP through donations to be auctioned or raffled off at our annual Auction. BPILP members are again seeking donations from the local community in support of this year’s Auction, to be held this year on Friday, March 31. Given that the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the auction being held virtually in 2020 and hampered preparations for the event in 2021, BPILP members and the School of Law community are especially grateful for any assistance our community can provide at this time. Since a semester or summer without pay would leave many students financially unable to accept these jobs, without BPILP fellowships, many of our friends and neighbors in need would not otherwise receive the life-changing legal assistance they need.

Auction donations of any kind are welcome. In the past, donations have taken the form of merchandise, experiences, gift certificates, and tickets. We are also happy to work with you to put together a gift/raffle basket of sorts, should you wish – please do not hesitate to reach out to our fundraising team should you wish to discuss further.

Certain items, generally those valued over \$250, may be receipted by the University at Buffalo Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, for tax deduction purposes. In addition, the Auction will be advertised throughout the University and local legal community, and your donation will be seen and bid on by local attorneys, law students, and law professors.

BPILP members are happy to pick up donations at a time and place convenient for you. Otherwise, they may be delivered to: Buffalo Public Interest Law Program, c/o Clinical Legal Education Program, University at Buffalo School of Law, 507 O’Brian Hall, North Campus, Buffalo, NY 14260-1100.

In lieu of the items described above, monetary donations are also welcome – please follow the QR Code at the bottom of this letter to make your tax-deductible gift online in support of BPILP.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. Should you have any questions or concerns about BPILP or our auction more generally, please feel free to contact us via email at [law-bpilp@buffalo.edu](mailto:law-bpilp@buffalo.edu).

Sincerely,

Steve Burke, Anna Lawrence, and Jenna Wojdan, BPILP Fundraising Co-Chairs  
Maura Kutnyak-Smalley, BPILP Co-President



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