

"COMMUNITY IS VITAL  
TO THE  
SUSTAINABILITY OF A  
CAREER IN PUBLIC  
DEFENSE. [THE  
GIDEON'S PROMISE]  
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EMILY LUBIN  
2019 LSPP FELLOW

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Our goal is to groom a generation of public defense leaders in places most in need of reform.

The LSPP is available to third year law students and recent graduates of partner law schools who demonstrate a strong commitment to public defense, desire to work in a resource-challenged system where the challenges are greatest, and aspire to be part of a larger reform movement.



CORE 101 CLASS OF 2019

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# LAW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



BRINGING TOGETHER LAW  
SCHOOLS, PUBLIC DEFENDER  
OFFICES, AND TOMORROW'S  
CHANGE AGENTS TO TACKLE ONE  
OF OUR PROFESSION'S MOST  
IMPORTANT CHALLENGES.

# WHAT IS GIDEON'S PROMISE?

Mass incarceration is this generation's greatest civil and human rights challenge, and Gideon's Promise believes public defenders are best positioned to transform the culture of efficiency over justice and dehumanization that prevails in our criminal justice system.

Named after *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the landmark 1963 case that guaranteed the right to counsel regardless of one's ability to pay, Gideon's Promise is building a movement of public defenders to drive indigent defense reform.

Gideon's Promise works with public defender offices across the country to raise the standard of representation for poor people in our nation's most broken systems. Each of our partner offices is led by a chief defender who shares this reform vision and is committed to supporting the next generation of public defenders to usher in change.

# WHAT IS THE LAW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT (LSPP)?

LSPP provides graduating 3Ls committed to public defense with employment in a Gideon's Promise partner office, 3 years of training from leaders in public defense, and a network of support in jurisdictions across the country. Partner law schools agree to financially support fellows for up to one-year through a grant, fellowship, and/or stipend in an amount determined by the participating law school.

The fellowship program grants law graduates the unique opportunity to join a public defender office working to improve criminal justice in areas where the need is greatest. LSPP Fellows become part of a broader movement to transform indigent defense. Together, we are driving change in our nation's most broken systems. We hope you will join us in this effort!

Visit our website to learn more about how to apply.



# BECOME A CHANGE AGENT

In their graduation year, LSPP Fellows enter into the 3-year CORE 101 program that trains young public defenders to be change agents in their jurisdictions. Core 101 begins with an intense 2-week Summer Institute that brings together early career public defenders in partner offices across the country to build community, inspire public defender pride, and reinforce client-centered values while learning valuable trial skills, pretrial litigation strategies, and storytelling and persuasion techniques. Core participants return every 6 months for a weekend of training until their graduation from the program after 3 years. Upon the completion of Core, our attorneys are able to participate in programming for Gideon's Promise alumni to stay connected to the network of public defenders seeking to create change.

