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WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION
OF LOS ANGELES
FOUNDATION

2027 WLALA FOUNDATION FRAN KANDEL FELLOWSHIP

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Foundation (WLALA) is accepting applications from public interest law organizations to fund one or more summer public interest law student fellowships.

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

The fellowship is available to a public interest law organization that wishes to hire a first or second-year law student (full or part-time) for the summer to work on a social justice-oriented project with a tangible outcome (e.g., brochure, guide, training manual, or PowerPoint). Strong preference will be given to an organization that has a specific project in mind and is committed to supervising the student during the summer and ensuring completion of the project by the end of August 2027.

The purpose of the WLALA Kandel Fellowship is to:

- Provide help to the disadvantaged by funding original projects that will directly benefit the under-represented in the greater Los Angeles area;
- Educate and expose law students to legal concerns affecting the disadvantaged; and
- Encourage the legal community's involvement in public interest law by funding students who show the capability of and commitment to assisting those in need.

The WLALA Foundation will select the fellowship project in January 2027 and begin accepting student applications immediately thereafter. We will then partner with the selected organization to conduct student interviews in February/March 2027.

HOW MUCH IS THE FELLOWSHIP? $10,000 ($7,500 for the student and $2,500 for the organization)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Apply by Friday, December 4, 2026, by sending a letter to wlalapublicinterestfellowship@gmail.com. More information, including what to include in the letter, is available at https://wlala.org/fellowships/#kandal.

ABOUT WLALA FOUNDATION AND FRAN KANDEL

The WLALA Foundation facilitates the *pro bono* activities of WLALA, including scholarships and fellowships for law students, scholarships and courtroom mentoring for high school students, and volunteer legal assistance to women in the community. Visit: www.wlala.org.



Fran Kandel, the founder of this grant program in 1985, is remembered as animated, generous, honest, indomitable, celebrating of diversity, brilliant, and having a love of "humanity in general and people in particular." She graduated with highest honors from Tufts University, earned a Master's Degree from Columbia University, and attended UCLA School of Law. Fran taught social studies to troubled teenage girls in Los Angeles and worked as an appellate attorney for 17 years. She was WLALA's President (1989-1990) and received awards for pro bono work with refugees, in family law, and as chair of the Prisoners Committee of the State Bar Legal Services Section. Fran believed and proved that one person's life can make the world better.