

THE AMI SILVERMAN ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION



Sterling Franklin '75, Cynthia Panuco '10, first recipient, and Ami V. Silverman '87

**I slept and dreamt that life was joy;
I awoke and found that life was service;
I acted, and behold, service was joy.**

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)
Indian poet, playwright and essayist
Winner, 1913 Nobel Prize for Literature

The Ami Silverman Endowment Fund of the Loyola Law School Public Interest Law Foundation was established through the generosity of Sterling Franklin '75 who gave the initial donation of \$15,000 in 2007 (and seed funding from Loyola Law School for \$10,000). Sterling has now agreed to match, dollar for dollar, all donations up to \$12,500 in order to increase the endowment to \$50,000. The purpose of the endowment fund is to provide annual summer stipends for law students in the Loyola Law School Public Interest Law Foundation (Loyola PILF) program. Loyola PILF is a non-partisan, student-run organization, committed to fostering the careers of students who intend to dedicate themselves to providing assistance to people who have been traditionally underrepresented in the legal system. Loyola PILF educates law students on the importance of serving the public and provides them with opportunities to become involved in public interest law organizations, especially in summer internships.

Ami Silverman is an active supporter of Loyola Law School and a long-standing member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, serving as its president in 2007. She has been a career federal employee at the National Labor Relations Board since her graduation from law school, and wishes to assist law students who likewise want to dedicate their careers to public service in the best tradition of Loyola Law School. Sterling Franklin worked with Ms. Silverman at the University of Southern California Law Center where she was assistant director for Continuing Legal Education and he was assistant dean for development.

Ms. Silverman acknowledges the importance of this fund which allows students to experience the joy of public service: "I am gratified that my friends have chosen to honor me in this special way. Loyola Law School has long recognized the value of public service, and Loyola was among the first law schools in the nation to incorporate public service into its curriculum as a requirement. I have been fortunate to have had the support I needed so that I could devote my career to the representation of working men and women, and I have received far more than I have given in terms of job fulfillment and happiness. Sterling and I are proud of the work that Loyola PILF does and we are grateful for the contributions of our friends towards this fund. I congratulate the recipients of this stipend and hope that they will continue to serve the public good."