

Kristin Welsh

2013 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Northwest Workers' Justice
Project

“The Lezak Program not only provided financial assistance to help me achieve my goals this summer, but also offered an invaluable mentorship program. Being able to meet others who are dedicated to providing social justice has been a great atmosphere.”



Jordan Schoonover

2013 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Judge Michael Mosman,
U.S. District Court for the
District of Oregon

“The Lezak Fellowship Program has truly been an invaluable and incomparable experience. I remain truly grateful for my fellowship and committed to ensuring that the program continues so that other students can receive the same benefits.”



Jessica Pezley

2013 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Oregon Department of
Justice – Child Advocacy
Section

“As the only member of my family to graduate high school and pursue a professional career, I am so thankful for the helping hands and instrumental insights from my mentors and others associated with the Lezak Project.”



Arianna Destafano

2013 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Youth, Rights, & Justice

“As a first generation college student, and first generation graduate student, I was attracted to the possibility of having a personal relationship with members of the Oregon legal community; I was interested in honoring the legacy of Sid Lezak, and I was interested in promoting social justice.”



Drew Henning

2013 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Multnomah County
District Attorney – Human
Trafficking Unit and
Misdemeanor Trial
Division

“One of the incredible advantages of being a Lezak Fellow is that I now get to be a part of the Lezak Fellowship family for years to come. I am thrilled to be a part of this family and pass on Mr. Lezak’s enduring commitment to mentorship to the next class of fellowship recipients.”



Joseph Callahan

2014 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Migrant Education
Program

“It is fantastic that the Lezak Legacy Program supports students that are giving back to the community by working in public service over the summer. The financial support allows students to volunteer or work for non-profits without having to worry if they will be able to make ends meet. As great as the financial support is, the mentoring is truly invaluable.”



Kelsey Herman

2014 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Center for Food Safety
(CFS)

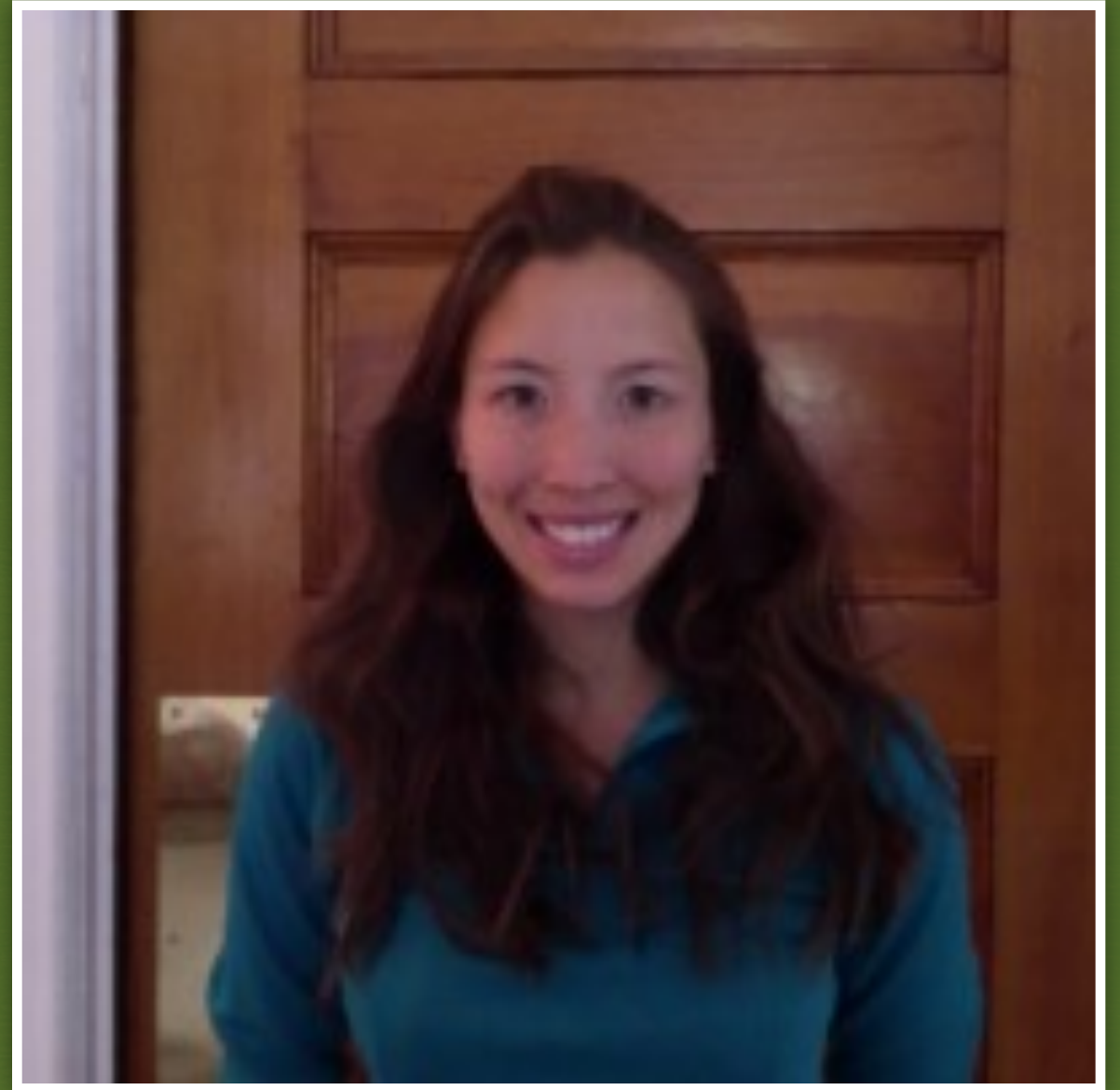
“CFS works incredibly hard to defend [these residents’] rights to live in a healthy environment and make a living. My work this summer reaffirmed my passion for this area of the law, as I was able to see first-hand the people who are impacted by the consequences of harmful agricultural practices.



Alisa Larson-Xu

2014 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Metropolitan Public
Defender (MPD)

“MPD does a great job of allowing their students courtroom experience and hopes that each CLS can take a case to trial by the end of the summer. . . . I definitely was happy to get a trial under my belt, and it reaffirmed my desire to do this type of work. Thank you!”



Julianne Peebles

2014 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Catholic Charities
Immigration Legal Services

“These women need strong advocates and the Lezak Fellowship allowed them to have one this past summer. The Lezak Fellowship supported me both financially and through a mentorship program that allowed me to stay firm in my belief that justice is for everyone.”



Nicole Pritchard

2014 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
ACLU of Oregon

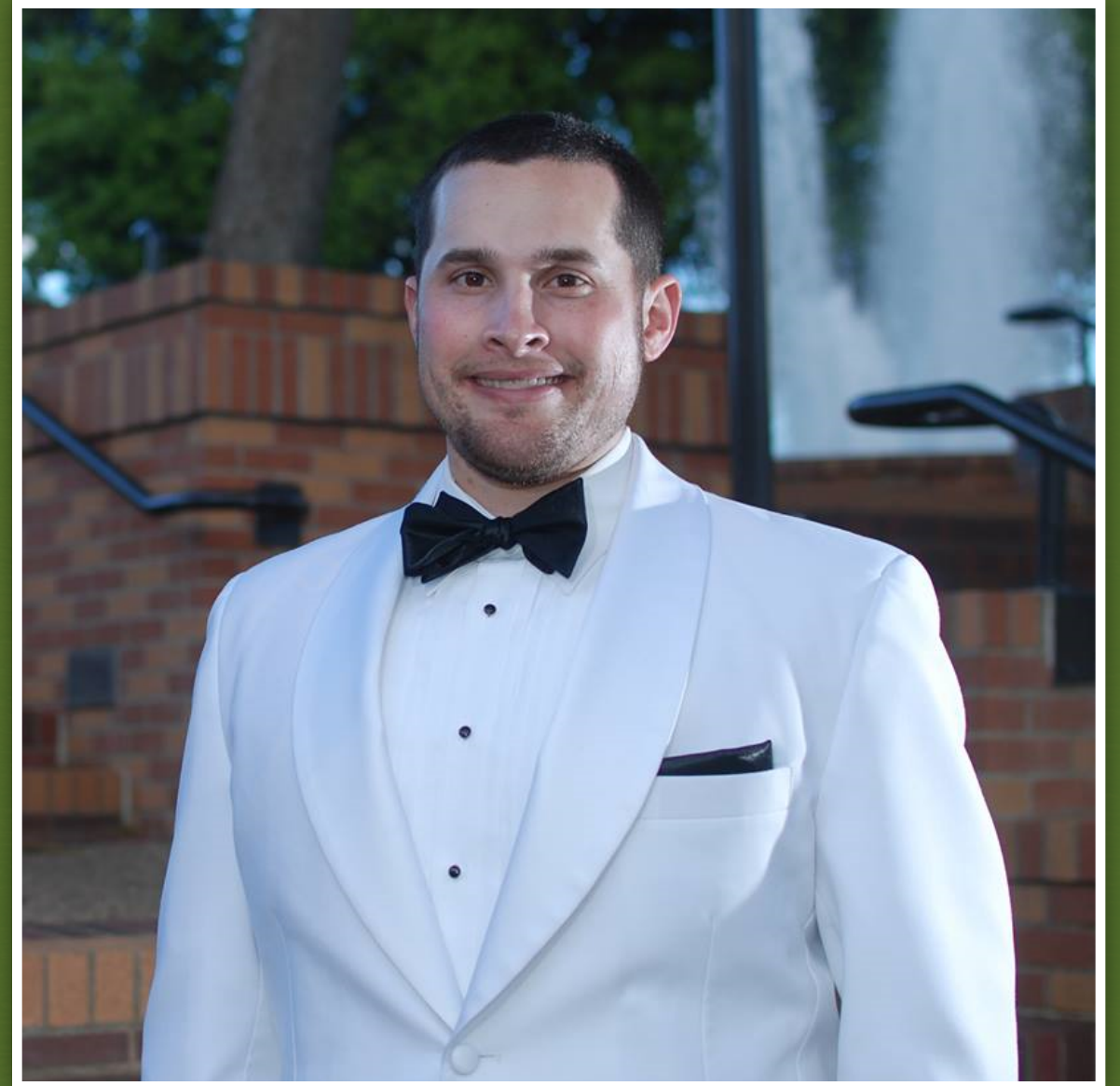
“The Lezak Legacy Fellowship mentors provide a great community to discuss my career goals and connect with high-caliber attorneys who have been invested in my progress throughout the summer and afterward.”



David Fauria

2015 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
US Attorney's Office,
District of Oregon

“Thanks to the Lezak Legacy Fellowship, I was able to work as a law clerk in Sid's old office -- the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon. The wide range of both criminal and civil experiences that opportunity afforded me was an invaluable part of my law school experience. It is the mentorship, though, that I think sets the program apart: my mentors gave me an immediate ‘family’ in Portland's legal community and helped make Oregon my new home.”



Rodrigo Juarez

2015 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Immigration Counseling
Service (ICS)

“With the help of the stipend, I was able to clerk successfully with ICS and contribute a small piece in helping the office procure much-needed immigration benefits or relief for their clients. Furthermore, the clerkship allowed me to establish the connections and relationships that helped me get hired as a Staff Attorney at ICS upon graduating law school.”



Stephen Peters

2015 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Oregon Law Center (OLC)

“My clerkship included everything from conducting client interviews to researching potential legislation that could further OLC's mission. It was a great experience that provided insight into public interest law that I consistently draw from in my ongoing legal career.”



Elli Reuland Tillotson

2015 Lezak Legacy Fellow:
Northwest Workers' Justice
Project

“The ability to sit in on hearings, shadow mediations, or otherwise seek advice from those mentors added a depth to my 2L summer that I could not have replicated on my own. This community – both the mentors and the other fellows – continues to be a great source of advice and comradery, and I’m grateful to be a part of it.”

