



**July 3, 2018**

**Email subject:** Inspired by Steve Fredrickson's Legacy of Housing and Economic Justice

**Preview Text:** After seeing hardship firsthand, our 2018 fellow resolved to help.

Thanks to support from generous donors like you, this year's Steve Fredrickson Fellow, Dylan Hannafious, will spend the summer developing the skills needed to address legal barriers to housing and economic security in Washington. A rising 2L at the University of Washington School of Law, Dylan was inspired to make housing justice a reality after working closely with people in crisis for six years.

Dylan's path started while a student at Gonzaga, where he did outreach to homeless people in Spokane. After graduating, he first worked with low-income homeowners and then as a case manager for homeless Veterans in Pioneer Square, Seattle. These experiences solidified Dylan's resolve to become an attorney and prepare himself to address legal barriers faced by low-income individuals and families.



As communities across the state continue to grapple with a growing homelessness crisis, Dylan wants us to remember something. Homelessness presents people with heartbreaking challenges that turn their lives upside-down. "One relatively small event can spiral into a lifelong battle with homelessness. The loss of this basic need has a ripple effect that can limit everything else you want to do," says Dylan.

Dylan will work closely with NJP attorney Matt Brady and others from NJP's King County office and statewide housing and consumer law task forces. "Steve Fredrickson is irreplaceable," says Matt. "We have to try to live up to his legacy. This fellowship brings in young attorneys to be inspired by Steve's example and to carry on his fight for housing rights and consumer protection. It's inspiring. It helps me remember why I came into this work."

We are grateful for donors like you who have made this fellowship possible!

**August 7, 2018**

**Email subject:** Former Fredrickson Fellow Joins NJP's Aberdeen Office

**Preview text:** Thanks to you, Derek Peterson takes Steve's fight for equal justice back home.

On July 30, 2018, Derek Peterson took a major step toward fulfilling his lifelong goal of becoming a public interest lawyer when he showed up for his first day of work at NJP Aberdeen as a prospective staff attorney. Derek grew up in Aberdeen, a Washington community familiar with poverty, and his loyalty to his hometown runs deep.

"I was fortunate to have teachers and mentors who gave me opportunities and inspired me to trust in my own potential," said Peterson. Prior to law school, Derek worked for two years as a legal assistant in our Aberdeen office.

As the 2017 Steve Fredrickson Fellow, Derek was mentored in housing and consumer law by Steve Fredrickson's protégés in Seattle. In June 2018, he graduated from the University of Washington School of Law and sat for the Washington bar examination in July.

Derek is enthusiastic to give back to the community that supported him. "I'm so excited to come back home and use what I've learned in law school to help those in need," he says. "I want to create opportunities for low-income families by addressing legal issues that perpetuate poverty."

Aberdeen Senior Attorney, Sarah Glorian, says "It's hard to find young people who grow up in the community who want to stay here. It is also challenging to bring in skilled professionals from outside of the community. We're thrilled to have Derek return to us!"

Sarah adds, "Housing and consumer cases, along with family law, are some of the most pressing legal needs in the community we serve. Derek's experience as a legal assistant and Fredrickson Fellow have prepared him to make an immediate and lasting impact."

**August 23, 2018**

**Email subject:** "Thank you for this opportunity," says 2018 Steve Fredrickson Fellow Dylan Hannafious.

**Preview text:** Generous donors like you made this possible.

As a social worker, Dylan saw clients face situations in which they had little recourse. He observed, "It was empowering for me to experience directly how legal assistance can resolve significant challenges and help a person get back on track. This Fellowship affirmed my resolve to pursue a career as an attorney with a focus on housing security."

"This summer, it was easy to find the motivation to pursue this work every day," Dylan elaborates. "It was inspiring to learn from brilliant attorneys who provided great mentorship. I felt like a part of the team, making real contributions, and learning a lot along the way. Housing security is often a tangle of inseparable issues that cross many areas of practice. There are few bright-line boundaries, and a lot of collaboration required in this work."

Dylan is grateful that generous donors like you made this possible. "Law school is expensive. I was so excited to find this fellowship, which aligns perfectly with my professional goals. It is because of the generous stipend that I was able to accept this position. Thank you for the opportunity. I am proud to carry Steve's legacy forward."

Northwest Justice Project invites you to join us to make it possible for aspiring lawyers like Dylan to carry on the work of Steve Fredrickson who continues to inspire the next generation of housing and consumer advocates through this Fellowship. Please make a generous donation to support the Steve Fredrickson Fellowship in 2019 and beyond.