



Fellowships in Law for Journalists at

Yale Law School

Anthony Lewis

"I believe very strongly that it matters to have more journalists who understand the law. And I know of no more effective, direct way to achieve this goal than this program."

Linda J. Greenhouse, '78

"My year at Yale Law School gave me a sense of confidence and a spirit of intellectual adventure about the law without which I can't imagine doing the job to my own—let alone the readers'—satisfaction."

Andrew Krieg, '83

"I loved it. Yale's cosmic approach makes legal study an adventure, one especially rewarding for journalists. And, despite all the energy and ambition that people bring to the Law School, it remains a remarkably warm and caring community."

1988-89

Jonathan D. Greenberg, *Manhattan, Inc.*
Jill Hodges, *Riverside (CA) Press-Enterprise*
Vikki Porter, *Denver Post*
Amy Singer, *American Lawyer*
Linn Washington, *Philadelphia Daily News*
Maggy Zanger, freelance journalist

1987-88

Leslie Brown, *Tacoma News-Tribune*
Lucy Dalglish, *St. Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch*
Patricia Freeman, *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*
Cheryl McCall, documentary writer/producer
Nancy Pick, *Concord (NH) Monitor*

1986-87

Mackenzie Carpenter, WQED (Pittsburgh)
Craig Forman, *Wall Street Journal*
Chris Goodrich, freelance journalist
Alina Tugend, *Education Week*

1985-86

Ann Cohen, *Detroit News*
Bennie DiNardo, *Worcester Magazine*
Viveca Novak, *Anniston (AL) Star*
James Popkin, *Trenton Times*

1984-85

Norborne Berkeley, Jr., freelance journalist
David A. Bollier, *Public Citizen* magazine
Bella English, *New York Daily News*
Linda C. Ponce, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*
Tracy Thompson, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

1983-84

Thomas Gibbons, *Newark Star Ledger*
Julie Gold, *Stamford (CT) Advocate*
Patricia Guy, *Honolulu Star Bulletin*
Daniel Seligman, *Sacramento Bee*
Scott Thurm, *Louisville Times*

1982-83

Edward Kohn, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*
Andrew Krieg, *Hartford Courant*
Ann McDaniel, *Dallas Times Herald*
Jacqueline Sharkey, *Washington Post*

All affiliations are from the time of application to the program.

The fellowship program works well for all concerned: fellows get a unique insight into the law and the legal system, and the Yale Law School gets the benefit of the perspectives of outstanding journalists accustomed to explaining the law to the public.

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Capital punishment . . . abortion . . . toxic chemicals . . . rights of the homeless . . . prayer in the schools . . . organ transplants . . . mandatory drug testing . . . international sanctions . . .

Scan a newspaper, listen to a radio report, watch the news on television: most stories will focus on public issues that are in large measure legal controversies and that ultimately will be resolved through some legal mechanism, whether in a courtroom or in Congress, through a local legislature or a statewide referendum.

Traditionally, reporters received crash courses in law while working the police beat or state house, covering trials and listening to a few cautions about libel from an editor. But the increasing complexity of public policy debates demands a deeper understanding of legal concepts and their ramifications. In 1976, to increase the sophistication of reporting on legal matters, Yale Law School and the Ford Foundation began a unique program in legal education for journalists.

Since 1976, the Law School, with the assistance of the New York Times, Knight, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Times Mirror Company foundations, has provided four or five journalists each year with fellowships to pursue intensive legal studies leading to a Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.) degree. Since 1988-89, a grant from the Knight Foundation has allowed the program to offer a stipend of \$20,000 to cover living expenses (in addition to full tuition) to five fellows each year.