

Fall 2022



Greetings from PAC!

It's been another busy year as clinic staff and students — 39 this fall! — continue to support state and local partners in campaigns to abolish regressive and racist laws and practices in the juvenile and criminal legal systems.

In California, the clinic represented the Debt Free Justice California coalition in successful efforts to pass three bills signed by the governor this year, which ended more harmful fees and relieved people of hundreds of millions of dollars in outstanding debt. The clinic also co-authored an important new report on bail reform in the state.

Nationally, in spite of widespread backlash against criminal legal reform, our Debt Free Justice campaign made more progress toward our goal of repealing juvenile fees and fines across the country, with six more states passing reform legislation.

In happy staffing news, Stephanie was [appointed](#) to the clinical tenure track, and our teaching fellows were promoted to clinical supervisors. At a special ceremony last spring, Stephanie was also recognized with a prestigious campus [teaching award](#).

We encourage you to read more details about these and other exciting developments below. And on behalf of the whole PAC, we wish you wonderful holidays and a happy and healthy new year.

Warmly,

Devan, Jeff & Stephanie

Clinic News

California takes the nation's first step toward restitution reform



(L to R) Associate Director Stephanie Campos-Bui '14 and clinical supervisors Rachel Wallace and Delaney Green have taken on restitution, a financial charge which saddles people with lifelong debt, adding to the clinic's nationwide work eliminating juvenile legal system fees and fines.

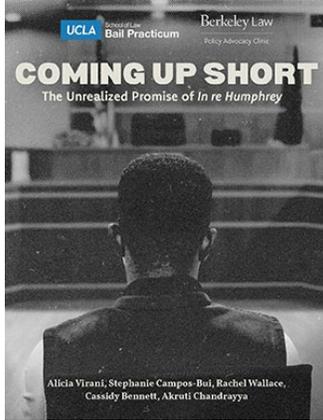
The clinic has recently supported efforts to reform restitution, co-hosting the first national conference on youth restitution with [Juvenile Law Center](#) and the [National Center for Youth Law](#) that brought together 100 researchers and advocates. After several decades of restitution laws and policies that fail to meet anyone's needs, PAC helped lead the successful effort to remove unpaid restitution as a barrier to criminal record relief in California with the passage of [Senate Bill 1106](#). Read more about the restitution effort in this wonderful [law school feature story](#).

Adult fee abolition reaches further in California

On behalf of [Debt Free Justice California](#) — and building on the coalition's success in ending 40 fees in the criminal system and discharging more than \$16 billion in outstanding fees in 2020 and 2021 — PAC supported winning efforts to reduce the civil assessment fee from \$300 to \$100 and relieve millions of residents of more than \$500 million in outstanding debt ([Assembly Bill 199](#)) and to make all phone calls in state prisons and juvenile facilities free ([Senate Bill 1008](#)).

New report on implementing CA Supreme Court bail decision

In October, PAC and the UCLA Law Bail Practicum released ["Coming Up Short,"](#) a report detailing how courts across the state have responded to *In re Humphrey*. Although the California Supreme Court ruled in *Humphrey* in March 2021 that imposing bail amounts people cannot afford to pay is unconstitutional, the report reaches a grim conclusion: the implementation is coming up short. Analyzing documents across California's 58 counties, the research team found the decision has not resulted in any decrease in bail amounts or



the number of people held in pretrial detention.

Juvenile fee abolition continues to march across the country



(L to R) Clinical supervisors Anavictoria Avila and Cameron Clark (front), and students Kendrick Peterson J.D./M.P.P. '24, Madi Norman '24, and Deja Little M.P.P. '23, who traveled to Illinois to support the launch of the Debt Free Justice IL coalition, pose after meeting with judges in the Lake County Juvenile Court.

In 2022, as part of the national [Debt Free Justice campaign](#), PAC staff and students supported local partners in more than a dozen state fee abolition efforts. Legislatures in states as diverse as Delaware, Indiana, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington passed bills to repeal fees and fines imposed on vulnerable youth and families in the juvenile delinquency system. Check out this [interactive map](#).

Stephanie Campos-Bui joins clinical faculty, wins campus award



After many years building PAC as a teaching fellow, supervising attorney, and deputy director, Stephanie Campos-Bui was [appointed to the tenure track](#), the first of five new clinical professors of law hired as part of Dean Erwin Cherminsky's initiative to expand the program. In a joyous coincidence of timing, Stephanie also received the [UC Berkeley Chancellor's Award for Community-Engaged Teaching](#), which recognizes one faculty member each year for contributions to teaching that make a difference in the world.

Clinic welcomes new policy research fellow



Georgia Valentine joined the clinic this fall as a policy research fellow for the Debt Free Justice Campaign. In this new position, Georgia will marshal data, resources, and expertise to develop, implement, and monitor a national research plan to expand and deepen state-level abolition efforts. She is an alumna of Occidental College, UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, and the clinic, where she supported our juvenile fee abolition campaign in Tennessee and wrote her master's thesis on behalf of the California Debt Free Justice coalition about state restitution reform. Welcome Georgia!

Clinical Program releases 2021-2022 annual report



More than 300 students enrolled in clinics last year and took advantage of the unparalleled opportunities to use the conservative institution of the law in radical and innovative ways. Take a look at the [Clinical Program's annual report](#) to learn more about how clinics stand with threatened individuals and communities in pursuit of transformative justice.

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