

HOWARD FOX MEMORIAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANTIETAM HIGH SCHOOL GRAD DRAWN TO PUBLIC SERVICE



Serving the public has been a focus for Katerina N. Krohn during college and throughout her first two years as a student at Temple University's Beasley School of Law.

With internships and volunteer service with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the City of Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs, and in the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, Krohn said she's witnessed how government policies can shape peoples' lives.

"I have been interested in working in government since I was in high school," said Krohn, an Antietam High School graduate. "I value the opportunity to serve communities and the challenge of helping government improve peoples' lives."

Krohn, who is entering her third year of law school this fall, is this year's recipient of the Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship.

The scholarship honors the memory of Howard Fox, who was a Berks County Bar Association Member working in the Public Defender's Office and whose life was tragically cut short in an auto accident.

Howard's parents, Helen and Richard Fox, established the scholarship in 1978. The Berks County Community Foundation manages the scholarship fund. The scholarship is awarded each spring to a deserving graduate of a Berks County high school who is pursuing a law degree at an accredited law school.

Antietam High School graduate and Temple University Beasley School of Law student Katerina N. Krohn credits high school activities, such as participating in Mock Trial, as inspiring her interest in public service.

The Berks Barrister asked Krohn about her interest in public service and to offer some advice to other Berks County high school students who may be considering a legal career.

Berks Barrister (BB): Who has been the biggest inspiration or helped you most in pursuing a legal career?

Katerina Krohn (KK): "I've received a lot of support while pursuing my legal career. My family, friends, professors, and professional supervisors have all been very helpful to me while exploring an interest in law and supporting me during law school. One of my closest friends from college started law school a few years before me and has been a great help with navigating law school. My first boss after college was extremely supportive in helping me explore my career interest. It would also be difficult to imagine starting my legal career without her encouragement. My family members have been my biggest cheerleaders and the best listeners through all of the challenges that law school has thrown my way."

BB: In your Fox Scholarship application, you mentioned that you are drawn to public service and may even pursue a career as a government attorney in some capacity. Can you discuss what it is exactly that attracts you to public service and this area of law?

KK: "I have been interested in working in government since I was in high school. I value the opportunity to serve communities and the challenge of helping government improve peoples' lives. In college, I had a great constitutional law professor who helped show us the ways in which many government decisions shape our lives. I came to law school with an interest in constitutional law and policy, which I've been able to explore through my coursework, externships, and my involvement in the American Constitution Society. As a government attorney specifically, I would value having my city, state, or country as my client. It is a great privilege and responsibility to act in the best interest of this unique type of client."

BB: What surprised you the most while you were working in the City of Philadelphia's Office of Immigrant Affairs? How has the experience shaped your career path?

KK: "While working at the City of Philadelphia's Office of Immigrant Affairs, I was surprised by some of the legal obstacles and the amount of uncertainty that some immigrant families face when they aren't all U.S. citizens. Although I have an immigrant parent, my family became citizens well before I was born. I didn't fully appreciate the uncertainty

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Katerina N. Krohn

Currently Attends: Temple University Beasley School of Law as a third-year student (Class of 2022).

Education: Graduated from Antietam High School and Gettysburg College with a degree in Political Science and Environmental Study.

Public Service Internships: U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, AmeriCorps VISTA intern for the City of Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs, and Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Civil Litigation Unit and Bureau of Consumer Affairs.

Berks County Ties: "Growing up in Berks County played a large part in shaping my values and interests. My small community helped me appreciate the importance of serving others, and my high school education and activities, like Mock Trial, sparked my interests in political science and the legal field."

Bright Future Ahead: "From City Officials, community leaders to our nonprofit partners, Katerina's work ethic and judgment earned her the trust and respect of those around her...it's incredible to imagine what she will be capable of given the opportunity to capitalize on her legal education."
— Miriam Enriquez, former executive director Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs.

that many immigrants without citizenship face regarding their ability to stay in the U.S. Understanding this and other challenges that immigrant families face has prepared me to become a better lawyer, especially in the public sector. It can be important to understand obstacles that immigrants face in coming forward with a claim or appearing as a witness if they distrust government, are confused about changing immigration regulations, or fear retaliation through immigration enforcement. At the same time, I've learned about how these vulnerabilities can make our immigrant neighbors even more susceptible to being taken advantage of in consumer settings, workplaces, and more. Although I don't plan to specialize in immigration law, I'm particularly interested in how our laws impact immigrants."

BB: What could the legal profession be doing to encourage more young lawyers to give back either through pro bono work or spending some time as a government/public interest attorney?

KK: "From my experience, most young lawyers are already quite interested in pro bono work and many are interested in government or public interest work. Although law students go on to work in many different fields, we are often drawn to the law by a collective interest in justice and the ability to do good. Young lawyers benefit by support and encouragement from their employers and supervisors to take on pro bono work. For those who aren't connected to pro bono work from their employers, bar associations can be a great way to learn about volunteer opportunities in the area. In Philadelphia, our bar association uses the annual pro bono week as a time to connect new lawyers with legal aid organizations seeking volunteers. We also have a board observer program that connects young lawyers to nonprofit boards to learn about volunteering as a lawyer in a different capacity."

Law school is a great place to connect with young lawyers about potential careers in public service and public interest. Many government organizations and legal service agencies have connected with law schools to create for-credit externship opportunities that allow students to explore careers in public service.

Both law school partnerships and pro bono work are a great way for these organizations to connect with young lawyers who might excel in a public service setting."

BB: What advice would you give to any Berks County high school students considering a legal career? Specifically, what should they do and what should they not do if they decide to attend law school and eventually become a lawyer?

KK: "It's never too early to start exploring different career interests. High school Mock Trial is one great way to learn about the law and meet lawyers in the area—my Mock Trial experience helped spark my interest in the legal world. I'd also encourage students to reach out to lawyers or law students in their community. Most people who I've encountered in the legal world are happy to discuss their careers, especially with young people. Law school is a major commitment and a huge financial commitment, so I'd encourage students to explore the legal profession as much as possible before committing to law school."

If a student decides to go to law school, I suggest taking advantage of a variety of opportunities while in law school and staying open minded about their career path. Law school provides a unique opportunity to study many different topics in your second and third years, as well as the chance to gain practical skills through experiential courses, clinics, externships, and pro bono work. Three (or four) years goes by fast, so you want to take advantage of the opportunities that being a law student provides.

Last, I would caution students entering the legal field to be mindful of the ethical obligations of our profession. Lawyers are entrusted with the great responsibility of pursuing justice and upholding the law. This comes with higher ethical expectations than other careers, and this responsibility should not be taken lightly. Students interested in law should be careful not to compromise their integrity in any way. Not only will this help them pass the character and fitness section of the bar to become a licensed attorney, it also will help them maintain the reputation needed for a successful legal career." ■



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