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Goldberg Kohn Foundation Funds Fellowship to Support Anti-Poverty Advocacy

In Honor of Frederick Cohen, Gift Will Support the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Chicago, IL—John Bouman, President of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, announced today the establishment of the Goldberg Kohn Foundation/Frederick Cohen Fellowship. This new three-year fellowship, funded by a generous gift from the [Goldberg Kohn Foundation](#), annually supports one recent law graduate bringing his or her skills to bear on the Shriver Center’s work to advance justice and opportunity for people living in poverty.

The GKF/FC Fellowship was created in honor of [Frederick H. Cohen](#), who was one of Goldberg Kohn’s most esteemed and beloved partners. “For 50 years, the Shriver Center has been a leading voice for people living in poverty,” said Steve Levy, the Chair of the Goldberg Kohn Foundation. “The GKF/FC Fellowship establishes a unique private sector/public sector partnership that will expand the justice work that Fred began in 1999.”

Working pro bono with the Shriver Center, Cohen served as lead trial counsel in *Memisowski v. Maram*, which resulted in a landmark decision in 2005 vindicating the rights of over 600,000 children to healthcare. The consent decree in *Memisowski* continues to be enforced and important to securing the healthcare of millions today. A community leader as well as a skilled litigator, Cohen was serving as the Shriver Center’s Board Chair at the time of his untimely death in 2010.

“The GKF/FC Fellowship will extend Fred’s legacy by empowering young lawyers to work for justice,” said Bouman. “We are extraordinarily grateful to the Goldberg Kohn Foundation for making this work possible and for honoring our friend and colleague.”

The first GKF/FC Fellow, [Emily Coffey](#), advocates for tenants living in or in need of affordable housing through impact litigation and policy advocacy. Among other things, Emily has been instrumental in securing relocation rights and other assistance for tenants in East Chicago, Indiana, who have been forced to leave their public housing complex because of arsenic and lead contamination. Goldberg Kohn is a pro bono partner with the Shriver Center on the East Chicago litigation.

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