

Dear ACS Friends,

2018 has been quite a year! From 7 fundraisers, 4 convenings, 2 conventions, and over 1500 chapter events to countless media placements and networking matches, our ACS leaders inspired us. In reflection:

- **Alex** was energized by ACS's department retreat, leading the elevator pitch brainstorming session and seeing the optimism the team gives each other.
- **Ashley** notes that while the Kavanaugh nomination was depressing, she was so impressed by how the ACS network volunteered their time and engaged!
- **Brian** was energized meeting so many lawyer chapter leaders and celebrating their accomplishments at the Lawyer Chapters Leader Dinner at the 2018 National Convention.
- **Emma's** favorite moment of 2018 was National Convention.
- **Faisal** enjoyed engaging in election protection in Arizona and NJ AG Gurbir Grewal's speech at the 2018 National Convention.
- **Kal** began at ACS shortly after the Kavanaugh nomination, and was inspired to see the sheer number of responsive chapter events and ACS friends testifying at the Senate hearings.
- **K.C.** enjoyed the ACS Holiday Party and seeing people who interact with ACS in a variety of ways come together to celebrate the year. He was happy to be a part of the celebration.
- **Luke** enjoyed assisting chapters coordinate election protection and voter education efforts. He was amazed at the power of our network to enact real, meaningful, and lasting change.
- **Meghan** smiles everytime she thinks about the networking at the 2018 conventions: witnessing our remarkable leaders network and strategize together gives her hope for the future.
- **Molly** was so proud to work with impassioned and engaged members of the progressive community during our response to the Supreme Court vacancy.
- **Peggy** watched her first class of 1Ls graduate this year and was so inspired by their journeys. It has been a joy watching our ACSers grow and accomplish so much in such a short span of time.
- **Zinelle** was inspired by our network and specifically the members and leaders who ran for office. She encourages those of you thinking about running to let us know so we can connect you with others in our network, and check out [Leaders from Law](#), a project of ACS. She also loves seeing our members enter new administrations across the country (share these updates with us!)

We're fired up to work with you in 2019 to expand our network's reach. But first, we're taking some time off. During ACS's holiday break, **Alex** will be home in MA with her family, friends, and dogs. **Ashley** will be in southern CA enjoying the warm weather! **Brian** will spend time in NY, NJ, and FL with friends and family, reading non-fiction, and practicing yoga. **Emma** will be in Curaçao with her family. **Faisal** will hang with family in CA. **Kal** will spend time with friends and family in Jackson Hole, WY. **K.C.** will spend time with friends and family, sleeping, eating good food, and catching up on his reading list (which includes books by ACS friends). **Luke** plans to catch up on reading and enjoy his daughter's second Christmas with family! **Meghan** will enjoy time off at home in Chicagoland with her husband and two kids Liam and Lincoln. **Michelle** is graduating and resting up to join the ACS staff in January! **Molly** looks forward to spending time with friends and family and enjoying her staycation in CA. **Peggy** will road-trip from TX to NJ. **Zinelle** will enjoy her break in Portugal.

