

# 1977 Fellows

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*"I believe my experience as an LSC [fellow] had a direct effect on my subsequent decision to attend law school. The experience helped me as a law student, because I had a clear understanding of the legislative process. My experience as an LSC [fellow] had an effect on my choice of careers within the law—that is, federal service. I have found I am the most comfortable working for the public good as a government employee."*

-Victoria Belfiglio



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*"I made several contacts in state government which are still beneficial to me. The LSC [fellowship] helped me explore career options in the legislative arena and state government."*

-Jeanine Ellis



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*“The LSC [fellowship] was a great experience for me even though I decided that I did not want a political career. I went to business school after completing the program.”*

*-John R. Jacobs.*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] program was a great introduction to government, politics and terrific people.”*

*-Donald B. Leach, Jr.*

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*“The LSC [fellowship] provided the basis for my career. I served ten years as Assistant Director of the state oil and gas trade association and started my own private lobbying firm in Wyoming. The [fellowship] allowed me to learn the legislative process and establish credibility in the field of lobbying.”*

*-Wendy Lowe*



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*"Not only did I learn about the legislative process during my LSC [fellowship], I learned how to write press releases, work with constituents and research legislation. These skills have assisted me in my work as a lawyer."*

*-Margaret "Peggy" Isquick*



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*"As an LSC [fellow], I learned an incredible amount about the workings of state government which has served me well ever since. I learned problem solving and sharpened my analytical skills. I learned how to network. I gained wonderful memories from the experience."*

*-Susan Gudz*



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*“The LSC [fellowship] offers an excellent opportunity to experience the inner workings of state government. The program encourages both professional and personal growth and maturity. The friendships I have made through the program have been long-lasting. There seems to be a common bond among participants long after the [fellowship].”*

-Kent E. Studebaker



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