



# My Summer at Selendy & Gay

## Dispatches From Our (First-Ever) Virtual Summer Associate Class

As 2020 unfolded, we knew that conducting a summer associate program would require resourcefulness, teamwork and a bit of verve. But we felt sure we could offer our summer associates a meaningful program—even in a completely virtual environment—that would expose them to some of the most interesting trial work in the United States, and provide an authentic experience of practicing at the highest level at a firm that values diversity, celebrates excellence and fights for the public interest.

Our summers worked on cutting edge litigation, like representing investors in class actions against crypto-asset exchanges and digital token issuers; helping plaintiffs seeking to hold Wall Street banks accountable for inequitable conduct that contributed to Puerto Rico’s economic collapse; supporting a man’s challenge of his conviction and death sentence in federal court; and fighting on behalf of public servants against one of the nation’s largest student loan servicers, among many others.

### 2020 Class At a Glance

As in previous years, **100% of our 2L summer associates received offers** to join the firm full-time upon graduation.

 **67%**  
female

 **22%**  
racial diversity

 **33%**  
LGBTQ

If you are interested in joining us as a summer associate or new law school graduate, we invite you to contact us at [careers@selendygay.com](mailto:careers@selendygay.com).

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## Here's what our summers had to say about their time at Selendy & Gay:



### **DOMINIC BUDETTI** – (NYU School of Law, Class of 2021)

*Selendy & Gay offers something incredibly unique and fresh relative to the vast majority of New York firms. I can't help but think that a substantial part of this is owing to the firm's age and the mission on which it was built. The willingness of the associates and partners to get to know summer associates on a personal level and also trust them with an immense amount of responsibility speaks volumes about what this firm's priorities are.*

### **JIALI LIU** – (Harvard Law School, Class of 2022)

*It wouldn't be a summer at Selendy & Gay without a trial! Experiencing a virtual trial was eye-opening; the demonstratives, the exhibits, and the many motions to strike were some of the most meticulous work I have seen. It was a tremendously hands-on client service experience, with a team of supportive and reputable trial attorneys.*



### **JOSH BEAN** – (Columbia Law School, Class of 2021)

*S&G's relative youth definitely appealed to me when I was assessing my summer options. I had worked at a startup company in China prior to enrolling in law school and loved the experience of working on a small and non-hierarchical creative team. I never thought I would find a law firm that approached the practice of law with a similar entrepreneurial spirit. At the same time, joining S&G did not feel risky because of the partners' well-documented successes in their prior endeavors. S&G is very much the best of both worlds—entrepreneurial but still possessing the security of more established firms in New York.*

### **KRISTIN HOLLADAY** – (Stanford Law School, Class of 2021)

*People take the work very seriously and enjoy working together in the process. I have been fortunate not to experience any sharp-elbowed moments this summer. At the same time, I feel like I've gotten substantive, constructive feedback, which is something I've wanted more of in other workplaces. I've long wanted to work on a Supreme Court brief and really enjoyed seeing the process tip to tail. Our clients were very easy to work with—they had a strong vision but were very receptive to S&G's feedback.*



## Selendy & Gay In the News

We represent clients in litigations that shape industries and advance the public interest.



**Supreme Court Rules New York Prosecutors Can Access Trump's Tax Records for Criminal Investigation** (the U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark decision reaffirming the centuries-old principle that “no citizen, not even the President, is categorically above the common duty to produce evidence when called upon in a criminal proceeding.”)



**Groups Seek Remedy for New York's Highest-in-the-Nation Rate of Ballot Rejection** (Selendy & Gay and Campaign Legal Center represent a coalition of groups that filed a lawsuit urging a federal court to change New York State's flawed absentee ballot verification requirements in time for the 2020 General Election.)



**Selendy & Gay Announces Associate Bonuses** (After a remarkable year, Selendy & Gay announced associate bonuses, significantly topping the established law firm scale.)



**How Law Firms Can Fight Racism in Their Hiring** (Most major law firms have some sort of diversity initiative. Too often, they pay lip service to the idea without making the real systemic changes necessary to make a difference.)



**Public Service Workers Reach Significant Class Action Settlement with Loan Servicer Navient** (Members of the American Federation of Teachers union have agreed to settle a proposed nationwide class action lawsuit with Navient Solutions, one of the nation's largest student loan servicers.)



**U.S. Appeals Court Issues Landmark Ruling Recognizing Federal Right of Access to Literacy** (The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit issued a landmark decision recognizing a fundamental federal right to a basic minimum education and access to literacy.)



**Wave Of Suits Could Lead To New Era In Crypto Litigation** (A flood of securities class action complaints filed in New York federal court against a host of digital asset exchanges and issuers may foreshadow a new phase in fintech litigation, building on a flurry of targeted actions and guidance over the past year.)