**BIG BOLD IDEA**

Diversify the United States’ highest courts by providing resources, training, and equitable opportunities for law students of color to become the next generation of appellate attorneys and judges.

**ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**

The Appellate Project empowers law students of color to become the next generation of attorneys and judges in the United States. By developing racial equity-rooted networks and innovative training opportunities, The Appellate Project ensures students can thrive in an area of legal practice historically inaccessible to them. As appellate attorneys and judges, they will bring their diverse lived experiences into the room when deciding what U.S. laws mean and how they impact communities. The Appellate Project’s goal is to create a stronger, more equitable, and more representative legal system for everyone.

**PERSONAL BIO**

Juvaria is the founder and executive director of The Appellate Project, which empowers law students of color to become the next generation of attorneys and judges in the United States’ highest courts. Previously, she litigated civil rights cases, focusing on racial and religious discrimination claims impacting communities of color. Through her professional work and personal experiences navigating the legal field as a first-generation lawyer, Juvaria realized how inaccessible the appellate field remains for law students of color, despite its enormous impact on communities of color. She is a graduate of New York University and Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Juvaria is a recipient of the 2021 Roddenberry Fellowship.