

# Bethany Rubin Henderson

## Executive Director & Founder

Ms. Henderson is responsible for all day-to-day operations of City Hall Fellows nationwide, including recruiting and marketing, program development and establishing and managing relationships with program partners. Ms. Henderson practiced law for 5 years at the 350+ lawyer business litigation firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP. She developed substantial leadership, management, marketing, recruiting, and communication skills through her law practice. As part of representing clients in state and federal courts and arbitral forums nationwide, Ms. Henderson managed daily operations of numerous multi-million dollar disputes. She re-designed firm-wide print and electronic attorney recruiting materials, was one of only two attorneys appointed to manage the firm's website re-design and was among the few associates invited to participate in a firm-wide business development program designed primarily for junior partners. Ms. Henderson also used her legal skills to serve her community. In 2007, she received the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Service from the State Bar of California.

From 1998-1999, Ms. Henderson was an Urban Fellow in the City of New York's Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, where she worked to develop a strategy for effectively using Internet technology in government operations and service delivery. During that time, she also co-authored a lengthy review of the Urban Fellows program. Her Urban Fellows experience opened her eyes to the importance of a capable municipal government not just for providing routine services, but also for implementing public policy, and inspired her to found City Hall Fellows to provide others with a similar opportunity in their own communities. Ms. Henderson holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and has published several articles in national law journals. She is a *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned both a B.A. and an M.A. in Political Science and received both faculty- and student-nominated leadership awards.