# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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The latest pro bono, internship, and post-graduate opportunities

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# CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

The deadline to apply is February 2, 2024 Learn More Here!

The student application for the Civil Legal Aid Summer Program is now open! This program offers 10 Florida law students the opportunity to gain valuable legal experience at a qualified FL non-profit legal aid organization for a 10-week full-time paid summer fellowship. Selected students will receive a \$9,000 stipend each.

#### **LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA - IMMIGRATION**

Seeking 4 pro bono volunteers for Spring 2024 to assist attorneys in providing immigration services in Hillsborough County, including asylum applications, family-based petitions, naturalization/citizenship, employment authorizations, and more. Applications will be accepted from 2L, 3L, and LL.M students. Fluency in a second language is a plus but not required. Apply by **January 15, 2024**.

- To apply, send your resume and a brief statement of interest to Stephanie Storke, Assistant Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at <a href="mailto:sstorke@law.stetson.edu">sstorke@law.stetson.edu</a>.
- Address your statement of interest to Ramzy Jawwad, Director of Legal Immigration Services of Lutheran Services Florida.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Storke at the email address listed above.

#### TAMPA JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES - GRANT WRITING

Tampa Jewish Family Services is seeking a pro bono intern for Spring 2024 to work virtually on nonlegal research and grant writing projects. As a pro bono intern, you will have the opportunity to:

- 1. Gain insight into the grant writing process and learn how to write a grant;
- 2. Engage with the non-profit community by attending community events;
- 3. Get involved with TJFS's Community Food Bank, if you desire; and
- 4. Earn non-legal pro bono hours.

All students welcome to apply. Basic grant writing knowledge and/or experience is a plus but not required. Interested? submit a resume and cover letter explaining your interest and/or experience to Jennifer Feld, Esq. jennifer@feldlegal.com and Dr. Beth Ann Gemunder at bethann.gemunder@tjfs.org.

#### **TEEN COURT**

Teen Court will be resuming in St. Petersburg at 545 1st Avenue North Courtroom J this Spring semester. The Court would like to set up a rotation schedule for 2-3 Stetson Law student volunteers each Tuesday evening from 4:45-7pm to act as a Teen Court Judge or assist high school student attorneys. No minimum required number of sessions to participate on a rotation basis. Interested in earning legal pro bono hours with Teen Court? Contact Stephanie Storke at sstorke@law.stetson.edu to express interest.

#### **CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KIDS**

Passionate about child advocacy? As a volunteer with Crossroads, you would be paired with 2 pro bono attorneys who are representing a child as their Attorneys ad Litem; attend court dates and staffings; accompany attorneys to meet with the client between court appearances; and conduct occasional legal research remotely. To participate: (1) you must be a 2L, 3L, or LLM student; and (2) commit to volunteer throughout Spring 2024. Interested? Email a cover letter and resume to Scott Tolliver, Executive Director of Crossroads, at <a href="mailto:Scott@crossroadsfloridakids.org">Scott@crossroadsfloridakids.org</a>. In the cover letter, address why you are interested in advocating for children and what area(s) of law you are considering after law school. Crossroads will make an attempt to match you with a pro bono attorney working in your desired field of interest.

#### THE ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES PROGRAM - SPRING 2024 TERM

If you are interested in creating, working, or learning about nonprofit organizations and the intersection of philanthropy and the law, this is a pro bono opportunity you do not want to miss! Please note— 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls are welcome to apply. The Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy (The Alliance) is seeking student probono interns to work virtually or in-person on a variety of projects with nonprofit organizations in the Tampa Bay area. The Alliance is a partnership between the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Stetson University College of Law. It is a partnership designed to engage students in the philanthropic community and to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit efforts to address the needs of communities in the Tampa Bay area. Deadline to apply is Friday, **February 2, 2024**. Please note this is not a full description of this opportunity. The full posting can be found in the Announcements section of the Campus Docket **HERE** or on Symplicity.

#### JANUARY 2024 | PAID SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES**

EJW's summer programs provide students with opportunities to gain hands-on legal experience and support a community or cause they are passionate about. Students who successfully serve in one of the programs below earn \$7,000 for their service. Applications for the Rural Summer Legal Corps and Crime Victims Advocacy Program Student Fellowship will be accepted until **February 13, 2024.** 

#### **2024 RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS**

collaboration between Equal Justice Works and Legal Services Corporation that will connect 50 students with LSC-funded legal aid organizations nationwide to address critical legal issues facing rural communities.

#### 2024 CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Crime Victims Advocacy Program is mobilizing a cohort of law students to increase access to legal aid for survivors of crime, particularly in underserved BIPOC communities.

#### 2024 DISASTER RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The Disaster Resilience Program places students at legal services organizations where they gain exposure to strategic policy and advocacy, legal disaster preparedness, and recovery work. The application for this program will open soon.

#### MICHAEL MAGGIO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS' SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will be awarded to one law student each summer to work on a student-initiated project. Students must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks and provide a \$1,000 stipend. The Fellowship will provide an additional \$3,500 stipend for a total award of \$4,500. Apply by **February 16, 2024**.

#### PEGGY BROWNING FUND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Peggy Browning Fund provides funded ten-week summer fellowships to law students across the US. Fellows work at a wide variety of participating workers' rights organizations, including unions, non-profits, and union-side law firms. The total stipend amount for each fellow is \$7,000. The application cycle closes on **January 12, 2024**.

#### JANUARY 2024 | GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIP**

EJA is offering summer fellowship grants up to **\$5,000** for students who will spend the summer working full time for a civil legal aid or civil rights organizations. Students from Florida law schools must find a placement organization located in Florida. Deadline to apply is **March 25, 2024**.

#### JOHN J. CURTIN, JR. FELLOWSHIP

The Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship Program will pay a **\$3,600** stipend to 3 law students who spend the summer working at a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist indigent clients or their advocates. Deadline to apply is **March 29, 2024**.

#### NATIONAL LGBTQ+ BAR LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships of **\$2,500** each will be awarded to one incoming 1L, one rising 2L, and one rising 3L or 4L. Decisions will be based in significant part, upon demonstrated commitment to working through the law to achieve equality for LGBTQ+. Funds are granted on an unrestricted basis. Applications close **April 1, 2024**.

#### WLALA FRAN KANDEL PUBLIC INTEREST GRANT

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship enables law students to work with an organization or individually to develop and implement a project in the field of public interest law that will directly benefit the underrepresented in the greater LA area. Fellows will receive a stipend up to **\$6.000**. Deadline to apply is **April 12, 2024**.

## EQUAL JUSTICE SOCIETY 2024-2025 JUDGE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Location: Oakland, CA (Hybrid)

Seeking applications from new attorneys and 3Ls committed to racial and social justice. EJS's advocacy focuses on school discipline, equity in higher education, racial justice, criminal system inequality, and more. The Fellowship period is for one year beginning September 2024. Applications rolling until **February 28, 2024**. Salary range is \$70k-75k.

#### GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER FELLOWSHIP

Location: Washington, DC

Seeking two graduating JD students for full-time, one-year Climate Fellowships, beginning in September 2024. The Fellow for Mitigation will join GCC's efforts to support policies that reduce climate change emissions. The Adaptation Fellow will support GCC's work related to climate adaptation and resilience. Deadline to apply is **January 22, 2024**.

#### **IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP - NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE CENTER**

Location: Raleigh, NC

Seeking applications from 3Ls and recent graduates for two-year Immigrants' Rights Fellowship, beginning in Fall 2024. The Fellowship, a collaborative project with Inner Banks Legal Services, will be housed in North Carolina Justice Center's office in downtown Raleigh. Minimum salary of \$65,000. Applications reviewed on rolling basis, but priority given to those who submit by **January 15**.

#### NIJC SCHREIBER LEGAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Location(s): Chicago, Indiana, San Diego, Washington DC

The National Immigrant Justice Center is seeking applications from 3Ls and recent graduates for two fellowship positions. Fellows will provide legal representation to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers for two years. Applications will be accepted until **February 28, 2024**, but applicants are encouraged to submit their materials earlier.

#### **BORCHARD FOUNDATION CENTER ON LAW AND AGING FELLOWSHIP**

Location: Anywhere in the United States

2-year fellowship for those pursuing academic and/or professional career in law and aging. A legal services/non-profit organization involved in law and aging must serve as the fellow's host. The fellowship typically begins around July 1 for those already admitted to the bar and no later than September 1 for those who must sit for the Bar exam after law school graduation. Online application process opens March 1 and closes on **April 1, 2024**.

#### 2024-2026 HOUSTON PRO BONO FELLOWSHIP

Location: Houston, Texas

Hunton Andrews Kurth is seeking applications from 3Ls and recent graduates for a two-year, paid pro bono fellowship position in their Houston office, commencing Fall 2024. The position will involve representing clients in a variety of family, probate, criminal record clearing, landlord/tenant and other civil law matters through Houston Volunteer Lawyers (HVL). Admission to the Texas State Bar by November 2024 is required. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2024**.

#### **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA VETERANS' RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP**

Equal Justice America will award a two-year \$130,000 post-graduate Veterans' Rights Fellowship for Fall 2024. The Fellowship will be open to graduating law students and recent graduates nationwide. You can apply for the Fellowship by working with an established legal aid program to develop a project to protect the rights of our veterans. Deadline to apply is **March 4, 2024.** 

#### 2024-2025 LAW & ORGANIZING FELLOW

Location: New Haven, CT

The Law and Political Economy Project seeks to hire a Fellow to support their mission to create a space for organizing as a practice and theory of change in the legal academy. The position is for a one-year term with possibility in renewal. Annual compensation is \$65,000. **Applications reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning January 2, 2024**.

#### **SOL & HELEN ZUBROW FELLOWSHIP**

Location: Philadelphia, PA

This is a two-year, non-project-based fellowship in children's law. Those with a demonstrated commitment to Juvenile Law Center's mission and to working in the child welfare and justice systems are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have graduated or anticipate graduating law school or a dual degree program in law between 2022-2024. Applications due **January 12, 2024**.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS NOT MEANT TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR LAW STUDENTS THROUGH STETSON'S ON CAMPUS SPRING RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. VISIT THE OCI TAB ON SYMPLICITY TO VIEW AND APPLY FOR THE LATEST OPPORTUNITIES.

## Office of the Public Defender, 11th Jud. Cir. Asst. PDs

For 3Ls and Recent Graduates Student Bidding End: 1/21/24 Miami-Dade Area

## Office of the Public Defender, 19th Jud. Cir. Asst. PDs

For 3Ls and recent grads Student Bidding End: 3/12/24 Saint Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties

## Office of the Public Defender, 4th Jud. Cir. Summer Internship | Asst. PDs

For 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and recent grads Student Bidding End: 3/21/24 Jacksonville Area

#### Office of the State Attorney, 10th Jud. Cir.

Full Time Attys For 3Ls and recent grads Student Bidding End: 3/1/24 Bartow, Sebring, Lakeland

## Office of the State Attorney, 13th Jud. Cir. Summer Internship | Asst. State Attys

For 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and recent grads Student Bidding End: 3/4/24 Tampa Bay Area

#### Office of the State Attorney, 1st Jud. Cir. Legal Intern | Asst. State Attys

For 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and recent grads Student Bidding End: 2/13/24 Pensacola Area

## Office of the State Attorney, 3rd Jud. Cir. Certified Legal Interns | Asst. State Attys

For 2Ls, 3Ls, and recent grads Student Bidding End: 2/21/24 Live Oak, FL

## Office of Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel, 5th District

For 3Ls and recent grads Student Bidding End: 2/20/24

## Sixth District Court of Appeals Staff Attorney

For 3Ls and recent grads Student Bidding End: 1/17/24

#### JANUARY 2024 | RESOURCES

#### **Career Advising**

The Office of Career and Professional

Development offers public interest/public service career advising, including resume and cover letter review, job search tools, mock interviews, and 1:1 counseling. For support in charting your public interest career path, contact Stephanie Storke,

Assistant Director of Public Interest Careers and Pro Bono, at sstorke@law.stetson.edu.

#### Sign up for PSJD.org

<u>PSJD</u> (www.psjd.org) provides job listings, post-graduate fellowship information, internships, and jobsearch resources for law students and graduates. Visit www.psjd.org and register for free as a Stetson Law student.

#### Arizona Government Honors & Internship Handbook

This site provides application deadlines, applicant qualifications, and details on the selection process for federal and state government internships and post-graduate honors programs. Password: stetsonlaw

https://arizonahandbooks.com/u/stetson law/

#### **Symplicity**

Monitor Symplicity to view the latest On Campus Recruiting opportunities and job postings sent specifically to Stetson Law by employers. The Office of Career and Professional Development also posts job notices found on external job databases and sources as a service to students and alumni.

#### Summer Job Search Tip

Don't see an open summer internship posting with a Florida based public interest organization you're interested in working with? Many Florida based public interest organizations don't formally post for summer internship positions, but still love to host interns. If you can't find information posted on the organization's website about how to apply for a summer internship, don't be afraid to reach out to inquire! You can reach out to the Career Development office for guidance.

#### JANUARY 2024 | LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



## <u>Campus to Career 2024: Personal Power, Bringing</u> Out the Best in You

Returning to a one-day format, on January 19, 2024, this year's program will concentrate resources on professional identity development, self-empowerment, and inclusion and belonging. We have engaged Liz Glazer as our keynote and will host a post-conference reception along with multiple tracks of interactive workshops.

Click **HERE** to learn more and register.

#### Careers in Local Government Law

On Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 4pm the Florida Association of County Attorneys will bring together a panel of experienced local government attorneys in the Mann Lounge. Learn about different aspects of local government law, potential internships, advice on how to break into the field, and potential career paths. Food will be provided.





National District Attorneys Association 2024 Job Fair (January 27-28, 2024) Washington, D.C.

Meet a number of prosecuting agencies seeking to hire persons for entry-level positions. Registration is free for students and job seekers. Law students/job seekers should register by Friday, January 19, 2024.

## EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS 2024 Applications Overview

Tuesday, January 16 at 3:00 PM Click <u>HERE</u> to Register

#### 2024 Application Tips

Wednesday, January 31 at 3:00 PM Click <u>HERE</u> to Register

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