

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

2025 EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS & SKADDEN FELLOWSHIPS

Opportunities to fund your dream job

Each year, Equal Justice Works (EJW) and the Skadden Foundation fund post-graduate fellowships across the country for two-year terms. Projects are designed by a non-profit (host) together with a law student/graduate (candidate) to address an unmet legal need. If you are graduating in 2025 and interested in exploring fellowships, contact Stephanie Storke, Assistant Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at sstorke@law.stetson.edu. Applications require several steps and have early deadlines. Planning should begin in the late Spring of your 2L year. EJW and Skadden are hosting informational webinars on April 15 and 16, respectively. Jump to page 7 of this newsletter to register.

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BAY LEGAL SERVICES ADVANCE DIRECTIVES CLINIC - PRO BONO VOLUNTEER

Students will assist attorneys in completing advance directives documents. No experience in estate planning or any area of law is necessary. The clinic will take place at 800 Drew Street in Clearwater on **Friday, April 12 from 11am-1pm**. To sign up, please email Stephanie Storke at ssorke@law.stetson.edu. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

AILA CITIZENSHIP DAY IN ST. PETERSBURG

AILA has partnered with Stetson's Immigration Law Student Association, to host a Citizenship Day on **April 20, 2024** at 6801 38th Ave N., St. Pete. Students will be paired with an attorney or will be handling application preparations of fee waiver/reductions and applications for naturalization. Students are asked to sign up for either an 8:30am-12:00pm or 12:00-3:30pm shift. Fluency in a second language preferred, but not required. Register to volunteer [HERE](#). Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BALS is conducting outreach at the George Edgecomb Courthouse on Tuesday, **April 16** from 9am-2pm. Students will help individuals fill out applications for legal services and determine income eligibility. If the person applying is eligible for services, volunteers complete a statement of facts form. Students aren't required to stay for the entire time, but at least two hours would be helpful. To sign up, contact David Gomez, at dgomez@bals.org with your availability and a copy of your resume. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS - SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

The VA Office of General Counsel is accepting applications for a summer 2024 legal pro bono opportunity in St. Pete or Tampa, FL. Rising 3Ls are preferred but applications from all will be considered. Student interns must be able to dedicate a minimum of 40 hours for the semester to which they are applying. To learn more about this opportunity and how to apply, visit Symplicity's Job Postings page. Apply by **April 12, 2024**. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KIDS

Students will be paired with attorneys representing a child as their Attorneys ad Litem, attend court dates, meet with the client, and conduct occasional legal research remotely. You must commit to volunteer for at least one semester. Eligible for legal pro bono hours. To express interest, contact Scott Tolliver, Executive Director, at Scott@crossroadsfloridakids.org.

LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA - SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Lutheran is accepting applications for summer 2024 interns to assist attorneys in providing immigration services in Hillsborough, including asylum applications, family-based petitions, naturalization/citizenship, employment authorizations, and more. Proficiency in one of the following languages is preferred but not required: Spanish, Arabic, Haitian Creole, Dari, and/or Pashto.

- To apply, send your resume and a brief statement of interest to Ramzy Jawwad, Director of Legal Immigration Services (ramzy.jawwad@lsfnet.org), and Yvelis Hernandez Socorro, Legal Manager of Comprehensive Refugee Services (yvelis.hernandezsocorro@lsfnet.org).
- This position is unpaid, eligible for legal pro bono hours, and based in Tampa, FL.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY PROGRAM CONCENTRATION

If you are interested in using your law degree to ensure respect for humanity in either criminal or civil legal system; or you are interested in economic and social development of communities; or you are interested in becoming a human rights or civil rights advocate on a local, national or international level, you are encouraged to apply to Stetson's SJA Concentration program. Applications due Friday, **April 12, 2024 at 5pm**. Application instructions and additional details regarding this opportunity available [HERE](#).

FALL STETSON CLINICS & EXTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application for Stetson's Fall 2024 Clinics and Externships is now Open! Learn more about how to apply and submit your application [HERE](#). Deadline to apply is Friday, **April 19, 2024**.

JACOBS PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CLINIC APPLICATION PERIOD IS OPEN NOW

Apply to the Jacobs Public Interest Law Clinic for Democracy and the Environment now through **April 19, 2024** for Fall 2024 enrollment. No CLI required. Learn more [HERE](#).

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL - FALL 2024 LITIGATION INTERN

NRDC is a non-profit environmental advocacy organization. They are seeking three Fall 2024 Litigation Interns to work with the Litigation Team associated with their Chicago, San Francisco/Santa Monica, and D.C. offices. This is a [paid position](#) and interns have the option to work remotely. The posting will be open until **April 15, 2024**, with preference given to students who apply by April 1.

DOJ ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION FALL 2024

The ENRD is the component of the Department of Justice which enforces federal environmental laws and also defends the federal government in complex civil litigation arising under a broad range of environmental statutes. Law clerks assist the Division's trial lawyers in litigating cases in federal district appellate courts. This is an uncompensated volunteer internship and some remote opportunities are available. Deadline to apply is **April 22, 2024**. [Eligible for legal pro bono hours](#).

EARTHJUSTICE FALL 2024 LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES

Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit environmental law organization and is currently accepting applications for various Fall 2024 remote legal opportunities until **April 26, 2024**. Please note deadlines for each position may vary. To view Fall opportunities with Earthjustice, click [HERE](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA) - VOLUNTEER LAW STUDENT

The U.S. Attorneys Office for the Middle District of Florida is accepting applications for volunteer law students for Fall 2024. Applications will be accepted until **May 10, 2024**. [Eligible for legal pro bono hours](#).

FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL FALL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Florida Office of the Attorney General accepts applications for their Fall internship program until **June 30**. The number and locations of internship opportunities available each term is based on agency need and opportunity.

EVERYTOWN LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

This competition asks students to consider how to advance gun violence prevention and safety through litigation in the civil and criminal justice systems. All submissions must be received by **May 31, 2024**. Everytown may award up to three prizes: 1st prize of \$2,500 and 2 runners-up prizes of \$1,000.

ABA SECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES WRITING COMPETITION

The goal of the competition is to encourage law students to become involved in the Section. It is also intended to raise awareness of and foster dialogue regarding legal issues related to environmental, energy, and natural resources law and encourage scholarship in these fields. Application deadline is **May 31, 2024**. Award is \$1,000. There are five writing topics from which to choose from: Air, Water, and Food, Biodiversity, Energy Law, Indigenous Law, and Recycling.

ADAM A. MILANI DISABILITY LAW WRITING COMPETITION

The purposes of the competition are to promote greater interest in and understanding of the field of disability law and to encourage excellent legal writing skills in law students. First prize will range between \$300 and \$1,000, depending on whether multiple awards are given. Deadline for submission is **June 14, 2024**.

WILLIAM W. GREENHALGH STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

This competition is sponsored by the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association. The goal of the competition is to encourage law students to become involved in the Section. It is also intended to attract students to the Criminal Justice practice field, and to encourage scholarship in this field. Each entrant must follow the rules of the competition detailed [HERE](#). The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize. Deadline for submission is **July 1, 2024**.

GEORGE JAY JOSEPH EDUCATION LAW WRITING AWARD

The purpose of this national competition is to generate increased interest in and recognition of education law among not only graduate students in education schools but also, in particular, to students in law schools. Nominations portal closes **July 31, 2024**.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES LAWYERS WRITING COMPETITION

This competition seeks to recognize written contributions to the field of U.S. consumer financial services law. Eligible entries must discuss some aspect of U.S. consumer financial services law. The awards include a cash payment (\$1,500 for student work). The deadline for entry is **November 1, 2024**.

GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION LAW STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM

The Government Law Section of the Florida Bar has introduced an annual award program dedicated to fostering the next generation of local government law professionals. This program will provide a \$500 award and a commemorative plaque to one outstanding law student from each accredited law school in the State of Florida. Apply by **April 12, 2024**. To learn how to apply, click [HERE](#).

MS. JD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Each spring, Ms. JD selects a group of outstanding rising 3L students as Fellowship recipients. Fellows receive financial support to attend a Leadership Academy Intensive; attorney mentorship; attend monthly calls; and complete a fellowship project on their law school campus. Deadline to apply is **April 12, 2024**.

LGBT PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship is intended for law students and/or recent graduates studying for the Bar who are either LGBTQ+ or who will be working in the LGBTQ+ space doing public interest work. Apply by **April 19, 2024**. One or more scholarships of up to \$5,000 each awarded annually.

NACA SUMMER CONSUMER LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This is a fellowship for both 1Ls and 2Ls with a demonstrated interest in consumer law and in serving low- and moderate-income consumers. It provides a stipend to students who spend the summer months working for a NACA member non-profit, legal aid, or private consumer law firm on consumer protection issues. Applications due **April 19, 2024**.

MIKE EDISON LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Women Trial Lawyers Caucus awards a \$5,000 scholarship to a female student entering their third year of law school (student can be enrolled in a 3-year day program or 4-year part time program) who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial. Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2024**.

PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS

Each year, the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans supports thirty New Americans – immigrants or the children of immigrants—who are pursuing graduate or professional school in the United States. Each Fellowship supports 1-2 years of graduate study in any field and in any advanced degree-granting program in the U.S. Each award is for up to a total of \$90,000. You must not have begun the third year of the program you want funding for as of the October application deadline. Want to know more? [Watch a recorded info session](#) and view full eligibility requirements [HERE](#). Applications open April 17, 2024.

NACA CONSUMER LAW FELLOWSHIP WITH JALA

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) is offering a 2-year fellowship to recent law school graduates expected to sit for the July 2024 Florida Bar exam. During the 2-year program, the fellow will be an employee of Jacksonville Legal Aid. In the 2nd year, the fellow will be assigned to two different FL-based private consumer protection law firms. Deadline to apply is **April 15, 2024**. View the full posting on Symplicity and apply [here](#).

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education is participating in Stetson's spring on campus recruiting program. They are seeking third year law students and recent graduates for Attorney positions. View the full posting and apply on Symplicity by visiting the OCI page. Student bidding ends **April 25, 2024**.

PUBLIC COUNSEL - CONSUMER RIGHTS & ECONOMIC JUSTICE FELLOW

The Fellow will assist low-income consumers across a range of debt collection and student loan matters, providing direct legal services, community education, and engaging in systemic advocacy. This position is based in Los Angeles, CA. Candidates must be registered for the July 2024 California State Bar Exam. Salary for Attorney with 0-1 years of experience is \$75,000. This position is open until filled.

LEGAL SERVICES ALABAMA - JOHN LEWIS LEGAL FELLOWSHIP

Fellows focus on using legal advocacy, education, and outreach to address community-identified issues in collaboration with client communities and Alabama's strong network of pro bono attorneys. Fellows advocate for clients, coalition build, conduct outreach and training, organize free legal clinics and lead legal service projects. Candidates will be sitting for a Bar Exam in July 2024 or February 2025 or are already licensed in any state. The position is open until filled. Salary is \$73,080 plus based on experience.

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS - LEGAL FELLOW - ECONOMIC MOBILITY

The fellow will assist in researching policies in each of the 50 states dealing with collateral consequences of conviction and mechanisms to mitigate their impact. The CSG Justice Center is based in NYC and offers flexibility in work arrangements, allowing for remote or a hybrid model. Apply by **May 4, 2024**.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HOUSING FELLOWSHIP (2024-2025)

Allows 1 law school graduate each year to directly assist with the organization's impact litigation work, with a focus on litigation increasing housing access for low-income families, communities of color, and other groups facing housing discrimination. This is a 1-year fellowship, beginning Sept. 2024 with a salary of \$75,000. The Fellow is expected to sit for the July 2024 California bar exam. Applicants considered on a continuing basis, but priority given to those who submit applications by **April 15, 2024**.

INNER CITY LAW CENTER - HOUSING JUSTICE FELLOWSHIPS

Through their work, fellows keep low-income and vulnerable tenants housed, remove legal and financial barriers to housing, and fight to ensure tenants' rights to a safe and stable place to call home. Applications accepted through April and reviewed on a rolling basis. This position is based in Los Angeles, CA. Salary for fellows prior to bar admission is \$66,560 and after admission to the CA bar, salary will be \$78,000.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIPS - HOW TO APPLY & TIPS TO SUCCEED

This webinar will discuss the eligibility requirements, application process, and insider tips for creating a competitive application for Equal Justice Works' (EJW) 2025 Design-Your-Own Fellowship program. The webinar will be held on **April 15, 2024** at 4:00pm. Learn more and register to attend [HERE](#).

SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

Graduating or completing a judicial clerkship in May 2025 and interested in launching your career in the public interest field? The Skadden Foundation will award two-year fellowships for 2025 law school graduates who want to work in the public interest field. Skadden will be hosting a virtual fellowship information session for applicants on Tuesday, **April 16, 2024 at 3pm**. Learn more and register to attend [HERE](#).

SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP Q&A SESSIONS

These virtual interactive sessions hosted by Skadden will primarily be for applicants to bring questions regarding all things fellowship including the application process, proposed project ideas, the fellowship and/or host requirements. Dates for the Q&A sessions can be found below. Prior to joining a Q&A session, review the recorded fellowship information session components/videos/etc. found [HERE](#).

Wednesday, May 22 at 4pm - [Register](#)

Monday, June 10 at 1pm - [Register](#)

Thursday, July 11 at 2pm - [Register](#)

Tuesday, August 6 at 3pm - [Register](#)

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS - LAST MINUTE INSIDER TIPS FOR CRAFTING A COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL

Join EJW in a conversation about how to create and submit a strong project proposal for your Design-Your-Own (DYO) Fellowship as the application deadline approaches. This webinar will be held on **August 28, 2024** at 3:00pm. Register [HERE](#).

The following organizations are willing to work with law students to obtain funded project-based post-graduate fellowships, such as Equal Justice Works and Skadden. Visit the links below for more information. Before contacting and/or applying to potential host organizations such as the ones below, it is important that you familiarize yourself with the requirements and timelines for EJW and Skadden project-based fellowships. Contact Stephanie Storke at ssorke@law.stetson.edu if you are graduating in 2025 or completing a judicial clerkship by fall 2025 and intend to pursue a project-based fellowship.

FLORIDA JUSTICE INSTITUTE

FJI is willing to work with law students to obtain funded fellowships to work at FJI on specific projects, or to contribute to FJI's general civil rights litigation work. Examples include Equal Justice Works Fellowships, Soros Fellowships, and Skadden Fellowships. For more information, contact Randall C. Berg, Jr. at rberg@floridajusticeinstitute.org. FJI is based in Miami.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

CJP sponsors Skadden, Equal Justice Works, and Justice Catalyst fellowships. CJP is a dynamic Miami-based movement lawyering practice supporting grassroots groups organizing for racial justice and human rights in South Florida. If selected, staff will work closely with the applicant to ensure that the proposal is responsive to the needs of their client organizations and in line with movement lawyering values. Applications for sponsorship of Skadden & EJW must be received by **early August**.

COAST TO COAST LEGAL AID SOUTH FLORIDA

CCLA sponsors law students for post-graduate fellowships. If you are interested in CCLA hosting your fellowship, you should submit a cover letter, resume, and a one-page proposed project summary. A project is an initiative which involves effective legal advocacy on behalf of individuals, groups, or issues that are not adequately represented by some aspect of the legal system.

PUBLIC COUNSEL POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (FALL 2025)

Public Counsel is now accepting fellowship applications for Fall 2025. Applications for those submitting EJW or Skadden fellowship projects should be submitted by **July 1, 2024**. Applications for those proposing projects are reviewed on a rolling basis. This year, Public Counsel will consider fellowship proposals limited to those that fall within the scope of the following projects: Children's Rights, Community Development, and Opportunity Under Law (impact litigation).

TENNESSEE YOUTH JUSTICE ADVOCACY

The Youth Law Center is seeking applications from rising third-year law students and judicial clerks (term ending by Fall 2025) who are interested in working on youth justice and related advocacy areas in TN and applying for fellowships offered by Skadden and EJW. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but preference will be given to applications received by **May 1, 2024**.

CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION

CLF is seeking applicants for sponsorship opportunities as a Legal Fellow. CLF will work with the Fellow to be considered for a sponsored fellowship such as Skadden, EJW, or other public interest fellowships to begin in the fall of 2025. If selected and funding is obtained, the fellow will be located in their Boston headquarters or in one of CLF's other offices in New Haven, CT; Montpelier, VT; Concord, NH; Portland, ME; or Providence, RI, with some flexibility to work remotely within New England. CLF will review applications after July 1, 2024.

THE DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES IN DISASTERS AND REDEFINING RESILIENCE

Interested in Disaster Law? This hybrid presentation will provide an overview of the delivery of legal services during a disaster, and how policies can improve or hinder recovery after a disaster. The event will be held on Thursday, **April 18, 2024** from 12:00-1:00pm at the Stetson Tampa Law Center, Room 136. Students may attend the presentation by emailing clinicaled@law.stetson.edu or join from 1:15-1:45 for virtual networking after the event: <https://stetson-edu.zoom.us/j/95142353005>. View the next page for the event flyer.

FROM THE COURTROOM TO THE CLASSROOM: HOW TO TRANSITION FROM A LEGAL CAREER TO ACADEMIA

This virtual event will be hosted by the Florida Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Committee on **April 11, 2024** from 12pm to 1pm via Zoom. Register to attend [HERE](#).

MENTAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE

Join NAMI on Campus and the Student Wellness Society for the second annual Mental Health Roundtable during Student Wellness Week. This event is an opportunity to hear from the deans and key players about what they think of Stetson's mental health resources and what their vision may be moving forward. This is also an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Learn more and RSVP [HERE](#). This event will be held on **April 17, 2024** at 5pm in Classroom A.

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH LAW MIXER

Join MENA for a lively mixer featuring Middle Eastern food, music and belly dancers! Don't miss this opportunity to connect with students, professors, and attorneys. RSVP [HERE](#) to secure your spot. The event will be held on **April 17, 2024** at 6:00pm in the Mann Lounge and Banyan Courtyard.

WEBINAR: "UPDATE ON PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS"

Join this bi-monthly live webinar, hosted by the PSLF Coalition, to learn information you need to know about earning PSLF post-graduation. The next webinar will be held **April 24, 2024** at 1pm. Register [HERE](#).

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CAREER FAIR

Each fall, EJW hosts its annual Career Fair, the largest public interest legal career fair in the country. The event brings together law students, recent graduates, and public interest employers from across the country for three days of prescheduled interviews and informal "table talk" discussions. Stay tuned for more event details and save the date for the Fair, which will be held **October 10-12, 2024**.

INTERESTED IN DISASTER LAW?



THE FELLOWS OF THE
AMERICAN BAR
FOUNDATION

ABF Florida Fellows Hybrid Program

Jo Ann Engelhardt and Ken Tinkler, Co-Chairs of the ABF Florida Fellows, invite you to participate in a free hybrid program:

"The Delivery of Legal Services in Disasters and Redefining Resilience"

Thursday, April 18, 2024

12:00-1:00 PM ET

Complimentary boxed lunch available at 11:30 am Program begins at 12:00 pm

Stetson University Tampa Law Center, Room 136

1700 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, FL

"Please join the ABF Fellows in conjunction with the ABA Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness for a hybrid presentation which will provide an overview of the delivery of legal services during a disaster, and how policies can improve or hinder recovery after a disaster. This program will also highlight the American Bar Association's work in disaster response and preparedness, including the Disaster Legal Services Program, which has assisted disaster survivors for half a century."

Andrew VanSingel (Chicago, IL) - Moderator

Territory Manager, Internal Revenue Service

Member, ABA Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Jaclyn Lopez (Gulfport, FL)

Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Jacobs Public Interest Law Clinic for Democracy and the Environment, Stetson University College of Law

Danielle Harris (Orlando, FL)

Chief Program Officer, Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc.

Linda Anderson Stanley (St. Petersburg, FL)

Director of Fellowships, Equal Justice Works

Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Disaster Response and Preparedness

Anthony Palermo (Gulfport, FL)

Assistant Professor of Law, Stetson University

STUDENTS MAY ATTEND THE PRESENTATION BY EMAILING:

CLINICALED@LAW.STETSON.EDU

OR JOIN HERE FROM 1:15- 1:45 PM FOR VIRTUAL NETWORKING AFTER THE EVENT:

[HTTPS://STETSON-EDU.ZOOM.US/J/95142353005](https://stetson-edu.zoom.us/j/95142353005)

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](mailto:ssstorke@law.stetson.edu).

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/stetsonlaw/>

Sign up for PSJD.org

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

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.

AccessLex Institute

Filter through over 800 scholarship opportunities and writing competitions for incoming and returning law students.