

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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Opportunities to fund your dream job

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PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES FAMILY FORMS CLINIC

Bay Area Legal Services' Volunteer Lawyers Program is seeking summer law student volunteers to participate in the Family Forms Clinic at the George Edgecomb Courthouse in downtown Tampa. The Forms Clinic is a free program that provides assistance to people representing themselves in family law cases. As a volunteer, you will help pro se litigants complete family law forms. The clinic is held Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm until July 31. Questions? Contact Blake Kahn at bkahn@bals.org. Sign up for 1 or more clinic dates [here](#).

UNITED WAY OF SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY

UWSSC is now offering volunteer internship opportunities for Stetson students seeking to gain public interest experience or earn legal pro bono hours necessary for graduation. Interns must be able to volunteer in person at the Venice office and will ideally commit to volunteering 2 days per week during their internship term. The opportunity is ideal for students residing in Manatee/Sarasota County with an interest in housing, consumer protection, elder law, or disaster related relief. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to Robin Stover, Director of Legal Services, at rstover@uwssc.org. Applications accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Offers opportunities year-round for students to complete a minimum of 40 hours of pro bono in one of OGC's core offices in St. Petersburg or Tampa. The OGC's Southeast District specializes in federal administrative law, representing the Department in employment law cases, and handles a wide range of administrative law topics. For more information on how to apply, visit Stetson Law's "Finding Pro Bono Opportunities" page [HERE](#).

CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KIDS

Students will be paired with attorneys representing a child pro bono 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. To be paired with a pro bono attorney working in your area of interest, indicate in your email the area(s) of law you hope to practice in following graduation.

SUMMER 2025 PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUMMER LAW INTERN PROGRAM

SLIP is the Department's competitive recruitment program for compensated summer internships. Each year, the Department hires approximately 50 paid summer legal interns. Applications for SLIP will open July 31 and close **September 3, 2024**. Before applying, review the Honors Program and SLIP Application Tips and Checklist [HERE](#).

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE, LEGAL HONORS PROGRAM

U.S. Government Accountability Office's Office of the General Counsel is accepting applications for their 2025 Summer Associate class until **August 7, 2024**. Applications will be accepted from rising 2Ls (or equivalent) who expect to graduate in the spring of 2026. This opportunity is paid.

CIA OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, SUMMER LAW CLERK

Summer law clerks assist CIA attorneys on a variety of issues relating to intelligence and national security law and other routine practices of an executive agency. All positions are paid and located in the Washington D.C. metro area. Applications accepted from August 12 to **August 26, 2024**.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

The program provides an opportunity for students interested in public service and international law to become acquainted with the work of the Legal Adviser as well as the Department. Interns are expected to work at one or more Department of State locations in the Washington, D.C. area. Applications accepted as early as possible in the summer and are due on **September 1**. This opportunity is unpaid.

JAG CORPS ARMY INTERN PROGRAM

The Army JAG Corps hires first and second-year law students to serve as paid legal interns in JAG Corps offices worldwide (within the continental US for first-year interns). Summer interns work as temporary civil service employees performing a variety of assignments. Applications from 2Ls due **October 1, 2024**.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LEGAL INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of the Solicitor conducts the mission of providing legal counsel and advice to the DOI. Among other responsibilities, the DOI protects and manages the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage. Intern positions are without compensation. Applications open August 1 and close **October 5, 2024**. This opportunity is unpaid.

GULFCOAST LEGAL SERVICES - PAID FALL LAW CLERKS

Invites law students with a strong interest in public interest to apply to part-time fall clerk positions. Law students must have their completed 2nd year of law school at the time the position begins. Positions are based in one of their Tampa Bay offices: Pinellas, Bradenton, Sarasota, Wimauma, and may involve travel as necessary to best serve clients. Offers extended on a rolling basis. View the full posting on Symplicity for additional information and application instructions. Compensation is \$20 to \$22/hour based on experience and current certification level.

TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT - SUMMER LAW CLERK

Seeking summer law clerks to serve in Beyond Borders, Criminal Injustice, or Voting Rights Programs for summer 2025. This is a remote position with the option to work from one of their offices in Austin, Houston, or Alamo. Applications reviewed on a rolling basis until **July 30, 2024**.

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL FAMILIES COALITION - 2025 SUMMER LAW CLERKS

Seeking law students who have lived experience in tribal communities and/or a demonstrated interest in federal Indian/tribal law or child welfare. Clerkships are remote and can be paid positions or offered for school credit pending approval. Applications accepted on a **rolling basis**.

EARTHJUSTICE SUMMER LAW CLERK PROGRAM

EarthJustice is the premier nonprofit environmental law organization and welcomes summer law clerks who share a passion for justice and a healthy environment. Summer clerkship positions include a weekly stipend of \$1,292 with the average clerkship lasting 10 weeks. Summer '25 opportunities will be posted in July 2024. Monitor the website for deadlines.

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND - SUMMER CLERKSHIPS

NARF is the oldest and largest non-profit law firm dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide. Positions for summer 2025 law clerks are available in all 3 offices: Anchorage, AK; Boulder, CO; and Washington, D.C. The deadline to apply is **August 16, 2024**. Compensation is \$27/hour.

SHUTE, MIHALY WEINBERGER LLP - SUMMER CLERKSHIP

The firm is based in San Francisco and provides counsel and representation in government, land use, renewable energy, and environmental legal matters for public agencies, non-profits, tribes, and community groups. Compensation is \$37/hour. Deadline for applications is **August 15**.

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - POLICY INTERNSHIP

LDF is currently accepting applications from law students for Summer 2025 for the New York and Washington, D.C. offices. Summer interns are expected to work full-time for at least 10 weeks during the summer, but other arrangements may be accommodated on case by case basis. Applications must be received by **January 15, 2025**.

**AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION INTERN**

Seeking summer interns committed to public interest and the separation of religion and government. A stipend of \$7,000 for a ten-week term will be provided to summer interns. Interns can work remotely or locally in the D.C. office. Applicants for summer positions encouraged to apply by **January 15**.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HONORS PROGRAM

The Department will accept applications for entry-level attorney positions from **July 31 to September 3, 2024**. Law students (full or part time) who will graduate from law school with a JD degree between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025 are eligible to apply. Before applying, review the Honors Program and SLIP Application Tips and Checklist [HERE](#).

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU HONORS ATTORNEY PROGRAM

The Honors Program is a 2-year program designed to provide recent law graduates with early, substantive opportunities to use and develop their legal skills and make a difference in the lives of American consumers. Honors Attorneys are placed in a Washington, DC office. Students expected to graduate before August 1, 2025 are eligible to apply.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HONORS ATTORNEY PROGRAM

The Office of General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency provides legal advice and policy counsel to the Director of the CIA and other CIA officers on a variety of legal issues. OGC will accept applications for Honors Attorney positions from **August 12 to August 26, 2024**. Law students who will graduate by Spring 2025 are eligible to apply.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SOLICITOR HONORS PROGRAM

Honors Program attorneys help interpret and enforce a broad range of labor and employment laws while working in one of the largest legal offices in the federal government. Attorneys are placed either at the department's headquarters in Washington, D.C., or in one of seven regional offices. Applications for the 2024 SOL Honors Program will be available on USA Jobs in late July.

FEMA HONORS ATTORNEY PROGRAM

During the two-year rotational program in FEMA's Office of Chief Counsel, honors attorneys work with various legal divisions within FEMA, gaining exposure to a broad range of substantive legal work as part of a dynamic, collaborative team supporting FEMA's distinctive emergency management mission. The next application period will open early September for participation in the program starting in Fall 2025.

NYC LAW DEPARTMENT CORPORATION COUNSEL HONORS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Sponsors an annual Honors Fellowship Program for 1-2 recent graduates a year. Fellows enjoy a behind the scenes view into the operations and governance of NYC. Deadline to apply is **September 27, 2024**. Law students seeking post-grad employment may also apply for the Department's Entry-Level Attorney positions.

NEW JERSEY COURT JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

One-year judicial clerkship opportunities are available with the New Jersey courts. As a judiciary law clerk, you will gain hands-on experience in a court environment recognized and respected nationally for its progressive and innovative work. A clerkship can help enhance your career prospects with real-world experience working closely with judges, attorneys, court staff, and litigants.

2025 POST-GRADUATE PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES

2025 MACDONALD HOAGUE & BAYLESS CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP

This 2-year fellowship will begin in September 2025 and provide an opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of MHB's Seattle-based civil rights practice. Salary is \$79,000 for the 1st year and \$85,000 for the 2nd, plus benefits, and possible relocation assistance. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 PST on **August 11, 2024**.

2025-2027 SOCIAL JUSTICE AND IMPACT LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP

This program selects talented new lawyers and trains them as local government litigators and advisors equipped to advance social and economic justice in Santa Clara County and beyond. The Fellow will also gain exposure to a broad array of local government practice areas through projects and assignments with other sections of the Office. Starting salary is approximately \$135,000-\$210,000, depending on experience. 3Ls eligible to apply. Deadline is **August 16, 2024**.

SHUTE, MIHALY & WEINBERGER FELLOWSHIP

3-year fellowship for highly qualified recent law school graduates, public interest fellows, and judicial clerks. Fellows function as junior associates and gain hands-on experience and instruction in environmental, land use, energy, real estate, and local government law, as well as in law firm management. Compensation is currently \$115,040/year. Applications deadline is **September 1**.

FRIED FRANK CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Accepting applications from 3Ls graduating in 2025 and outgoing judicial law clerks. The first 2 years of the fellowship take place at Fried Frank's NYC office. Following the Fried Frank placement, Fellows will work at Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) headquarters in Los Angeles. MALDEF also has regional offices in Chicago, DC, and San Antonio. Applications must be submitted no later than **October 7**.

FRANK M. COFFIN FAMILY LAW FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship supports attorneys to provide legal representation in family law matters to clients who have qualified for pro bono assistance through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Coffin Fellowship attorneys work for 2 years at Pine Tree Legal Assistance's Portland, Maine office. The starting salary is \$69,490. The application deadline is **October 11, 2024**.

COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC FELLOWSHIP

Cohen Milstein is recognized as one of the largest and most diversified plaintiff-side litigation firms in the country. Fellows participate in all aspect of the firm's work. This year-long program begins in September each year and takes place in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Applications will be accepted beginning in August or September for the following fall.

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL FAMILIES COALITION - SAN MANUEL TRIBAL ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP

This is a 1-year position and will provide a competitive salary, student loan forgiveness as needed, and mentoring and training in Indian law, specifically in Indian child welfare work. The position is for law students who have lived experience in tribal communities and a demonstrated interest in federal Indian/tribal law or child welfare. Applications will be accepted until **October 30, 2024**.

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Below is a non-exhaustive list of project-based fellowship opportunities with early submission deadlines and applications open to 3Ls. Remember, before applying, students must secure a host organization and design a project proposal.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS DESIGN YOUR OWN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Forge your own path by partnering with a “host” nonprofit organization to design a 2-year innovative legal project that addresses an issue and community you care most passionately about serving. Applications are due by September 10, 2024. Learn more [HERE](#).

SKADDEN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation will award 2-year fellowships to partner with a “host” nonprofit organization to work on a specific project that addresses the civil legal needs of people living in poverty in the US. Applications are due by September 6, 2024. Learn more [HERE](#).

JUSTICE CATALYST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Justice Catalyst administers one-year, potentially renewable, project-based fellowships for graduating law students, or graduates up to two years out of law school. The Fellowship supports innovative social impact work at nonprofit organizations as well as unions, plaintiff-side/public interest law firms, and government agencies. Prospectus submissions are due October 2, 2024, with the final application due December 2, 2024. Learn more [HERE](#).

OHIO ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOUNDATION - JUSTICE FOR ALL FELLOWSHIPS ***

The Foundation will award two-year Justice for All Fellowships to outstanding graduating law students/recent law school graduates with a passion for public service. The Foundation supports fellowship projects which address unmet civil legal needs facing low-income individuals and families in Ohio. Each fellow must work together with an Ohio nonprofit host organization to develop a project proposal. Applications are due by **September 3, 2024** at 5pm EST.

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. The date for the final Q&A session can be found below. Prior to joining the Q&A session, review the recorded fellowship information session components/videos/etc. found [HERE](#).

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 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](#).

CHILD WELFARE LAW CAREER FAIR

The Career Fair promotes positions in child welfare law offices and agencies for law students, recent grads, new attorneys, and persons with lived experience in foster care. Additionally, the Career Fair offers the opportunity to network with NACC members and law office leaders from across the country. Networking, resume-swapping, and scheduling interviews will occur **August 11, 2024** from 4:00-6:00pm in Salt Lake City, UT.

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**. Student registration will open on August 1 at 12:00 p.m. ET. The registration fee for this year’s event is \$25.00 (this is a non-refundable fee).

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.

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/>

Stetson Law Pro Bono

This site provides information on Stetson's 60 hour pro bono graduation requirement, reporting hours, and finding opportunities.
<https://intranet.stetson.edu/law/pro-bono/>

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.