

# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

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

## STETSON LAW'S PRO BONO FAIR

October 24 from 4:30-6:30  
The Great Hall

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Come meet public interest and government attorneys and non-profit representatives from organizations offering legal and non-legal pro bono opportunities! The Pro Bono Fair is an opportunity for students to network and talk with organizations about pro bono work, summer employment, academic year placements, and other career opportunities. This Fair will be an in-person, table-talk format in the Great Hall on **Thursday, October 24** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Alliance, Stetson's Public Service Fellows, the Social Justice Advocacy Concentration, the Office of Career and Professional Development, and the Office of Clinical and Experiential Education.

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## LEGAL PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

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### **VIRTUAL VITA INTRODUCTION**

On **October 28** at 5 p.m., join Stetson's Tax Law Society to learn about volunteer opportunities with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), organized by Suncoast United and Stetson's Tax Law Society. This will be a virtual meeting/introduction to VITA and will feature Margarita Sorah, the VITA program manager for the Tampa Bay area. VITA is an excellent opportunity to volunteer in the community, learn an essential life skill in individual taxation, and earn some required Stetson volunteer hours. Register on Engage [here](#). You will receive non-legal hours for training and legal hours for substantive work.

Microsoft Teams Link:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 241 000 042 488

Passcode: JdkdGm

### **GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM INTRODUCTION**

On **October 30** from 12-1pm, join Child Advocates of Stetson Law to learn about how you can make a difference in a child's life as a Guardian ad Litem. As a volunteer, you are responsible for gathering facts surrounding a child's case, reviewing reports, finding out the child's wants and desires, visiting a child's home, school, or placement, and providing the court with an unbiased recommendation on what is required to serve the child's best interests. The volunteer assists in providing the judge with the information needed and what the child wants, so the judge can decide what is in the child's best interests. You will receive non-legal hours for training and legal hours for substantive work as a GAL. Room TBD and will be posted on Engage.

### **BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES OCTOBER FAMILY FORMS CLINIC**

Seeking law student volunteers to participate in the September Family Forms Clinic at the George Edgecomb Courthouse. 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. Throughout October, the clinic will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Questions? Contact Staff Attorney Lillian Rosario at [lrosario@bals.org](mailto:lrosario@bals.org). Sign up for 1 or more clinic dates [here](#).

### **RAICES LOOKING FOR REMOTE LEGAL INTAKE VOLUNTEERS (SPANISH SPEAKING)**

RAICES, an immigrant justice non-profit located in Texas, defends the rights of immigrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking people and families, empowers communities, and advocates for liberty and justice. Immigrants in detention facilities in Texas have been contacting RAICES to get support for issues they are experiencing in detention. RAICES has been averaging between 50-60 calls for immigrants in detention in a matter of 3 hours and is in need of support to respond to the overwhelming needs of immigrants in detention. They are seeking volunteers to do 2-4 hour shifts between 9am-1pm and 2pm-6pm. This opportunity is fully remote. If interested in signing up to volunteer, complete this [form](#). Questions? Email [nyulawirp@gmail.com](mailto:nyulawirp@gmail.com).

To explore additional opportunities, visit  
<https://intranet.stetson.edu/law/pro-bono/finding-opportunities.php>.

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## SPRING/SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES

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### **STETSON CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS - SPRING 2025**

The applications for Spring 2025 Clinics and Externships are now OPEN and will close Monday, **October 28th**. These experiences allow students to observe and participate in the application of substantive law, and find solutions to problems that confront attorneys on a daily basis. Apply [HERE](#). Students earn 30 legal hours of pro bono upon successful completion of a clinic program.

### **ACLU-NBLA SOUTHERN LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - SUMMER 2025**

Applications are now open for the Summer 2025 Legal Internship Program, a collaboration between the ACLU and the National Black Law Students Association (NBLA). This summer internship will provide law students will experience in civil rights and social justice issues across the Southern U.S. Interns will be placed at ACLU affiliates in the 13 states of the Southern Collective, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Students are able to note the specific states where they are interested in working. Application deadline is **October 15**.

### **FFLA CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS**

Funding Florida Legal Aid will once again fund the Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellowship Program for the summer of 2025. The program offers approximately 10 law students the opportunity to gain valuable legal experience at a qualified Florida non-profit legal aid organization for a 10-week full-time paid summer fellowship. Student applications open October 4, 2024 and are due **November 1**. Offers will be released in early December. Stay tuned for additional details.

### **ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND LITIGATION PROGRAM - SUMMER 2025 CLERKSHIPS**

The Animal Legal Defense Fund summer clerkship program gives law students who demonstrate an interest in animal law the opportunity to work with and be trained by top experts in the field. Clerks are integral members of a program team and work on projects that further the current work of the program and advance the mission and goals of the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Clerks work remotely, and deadline to apply is **October 28**.

### **NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIPS**

NRDC is seeking to hire a cohort of Summer Legal Interns to work on cases and projects with attorneys on their Litigation Team and within core issue areas (Environmental Health, Equity & Justice, Climate & Energy, and Nature). Intern positions are available in our New York, D.C., Chicago, Santa Monica, and San Francisco offices. This is a paid internship and NRDC offers up to \$10,000 for the 10 week program. The deadline to apply as a 2L student is **November 30**. Offers will be made on a rolling basis

### **INNOVATION LAW LAB - SUMMER 2025 CLERKSHIPS**

Innovation Law Lab seeks clerks to work on advancing the human rights of immigrants and refugees. The clerkship provides an opportunity for law students to work directly with massive collaborative representation projects and get hands-on experience with impact litigation and anti-carceral legal organizing. Clerks may work remotely and the deadline to apply is **December 2**.

### **JUSTICE IN AGING - COLIN ALEXANDER HEALTH LAW FELLOWSHIP**

Justice in Aging seeks a current 2L student to work full-time this summer with attorneys on multiple projects related to Medicare, Medicaid, and other health care programs that impact older adults. This is a full-time, remote, paid fellowship. Applications are accepted until **October 11**, and reviewed on a rolling basis

**IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP**

IJC identifies promising law graduates and advocates passionate about immigration, grants them a 2-year fellowship, and places them with legal services and community-based organizations where they can make the greatest difference, supporting them with training and expert insights as they directly assist immigrants in need. Learn more and apply [HERE](#). Deadline to apply is **October 20**. Questions? Contact Stephanie Storke at [ssorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssorke@law.stetson.edu).

**SEIU NORM GLEICHMAN LAW FELLOWSHIP**

The Legal Department of the Service Employees International Union is seeking a 2025 law fellow. Fellows work with experienced union-side lawyers on a variety of cutting-edge issues related to the advancement of workers' interests. The Fellowship is based in Washington, DC. The application process is on a rolling basis and will close on **October 18**.

**EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE LEGAL FELLOWSHIP**

2-year fully funded fellowship for graduating law students beginning September 2025, based in Montgomery, AL. EJI is a nonprofit law office and human rights organization that provides legal assistance to condemned prisoners, children in the criminal justice system, people wrongly convicted or sentenced, and the poor and vulnerable facing imprisonment. Deadline to apply is **November 8**.

**LEGAL AID DC - 2025 STAFF ATTORNEY CLASS**

Legal Aid DC is seeking to hire a class of entry-level attorneys to start working as direct services attorneys in September 2025. Those hired will receive an assignment in one of the following units before their start date: consumer law, domestic violence/family law, housing, public benefits, immigration, and reentry justice. Law students with graduation dates expected in the summer of 2025 are eligible to apply. Applications will open on January 6, 2025, and must be submitted by **January 31**.

**NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP**

NRDC is seeking a Litigation Fellow to work with the Litigation team in one of their U.S. offices: Chicago; New York; San Francisco; Santa Monica; or Washington, D.C. The term for this fellowship is Fall 2025 through Fall 2027, with the possibility of extension through Fall 2028. The fellowship is open to current law students who will graduate this academic year. Applicants must be available to start no later than Fall 2025. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis with preference for applicants who apply by **October 15**.

**2025-2027 ARYEH NEIR LEGAL FELLOWSHIP**

The ACLU and Human Rights Watch invite applications for the Aryeh Neier Fellowship. The fellow will work with both organizations on joint initiatives to strengthen respect for human rights in the United States. The fellow will most likely be placed in the NYC offices of Human Rights Watch and the ACLU, spending a year at each; however, the fellow should be open to placement in the organizations' offices in other locations in the US. Apply by 11:59 PM ET on **October 13**.

**VETERANS LAW FELLOWSHIP - CORNELL LAW SCHOOL**

The fellow will work exclusively on cases for Veterans, with a primary focus on helping those at risk of becoming unhoused for a period of 1-year. Applicants must plan to sit for the July 2025 New York State bar exam. To ensure maximum consideration, submit all application materials by **October 15**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to early applicants.

**NATIONAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION (NDAA) JOB FAIR**

The National District Attorneys Association is hosting a Job Fair February 1-2 at the Hotel Washington in downtown D.C. The NDAA 2025 Job Fair is an exciting opportunity to meet a number of prosecuting agencies seeking to hire persons for entry-level and lateral positions as well as internship opportunities. Justice-driven students and attorneys who have a passion for advocating for the rights of all involved in the criminal justice system should attend. Registration for law students and job seekers is free. Register by **Friday, January 24** to attend.

**GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**

On **October 7** at 2:00 p.m., join Equal Justice Works as they teach you how to navigate our career fair platform, participate in your prescheduled interviews, and access virtual “table talk.” Equal Justice Works will also discuss some tips and tricks for making the most of “table talk,” and how best to interact with table talk-only employers.

**CLINIC AND EXTERNSHIP INFORMATIONAL PANEL**

Join the Office of Clinical & Experiential Education on **October 16** from 5-7 p.m. in the Great Hall and learn about available clinic and externship opportunities. This is a moderated panel of current clinic/externship students and their supervising professors. Public Defender, Federal Judicial, Veterans Advocacy, Environmental Law, Prosecution, and more will be represented. Dinner to be served. RSVP [here](#).

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**UPDATE ON PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS**

Join the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Coalition on **October 30** at 1:00 p.m. for a monthly webinar, where they will share information you need to know about earning PSLF. PSLF is the only educational debt program specifically targeted at public service professionals. After working in a full-time public service position for 10 years while making ongoing monthly student loan repayments, borrowers are eligible to earn forgiveness on their remaining federal loan balance thanks to PSLF.

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## RESOURCES

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### **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 [ssstorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssstorke@law.stetson.edu).

### **Arizona Handbooks**

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.

### **2025 Postgraduate Opportunities Tracking**

Career Development has launched a new tool to help you explore postgraduate public interest and government opportunities throughout the year. The Opportunities tracking spreadsheet lists deadlines for fellowship funders, organizational fellowships, government positions, and other public interest opportunities for the Class of 2025. Please note the spreadsheet is not exhaustive.

### **Sign up for PSJD.org**

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

### **Symlicity**

Monitor Symlicity 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.