

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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ATTENTION DECEMBER 2024 GRADS: LOG YOUR PRO BONO HOURS!

If you are graduating in December and have not yet logged your pro bono hours, now is the time to do so.

Students who volunteer at least 120 hours may be eligible to receive the William F. Blews Award. Please note that Clinic hours do not count for purposes of computing the Blews Award. If you have questions or need assistance locating opportunities, please email probono@law.stetson.edu. Click [here](#) for more information on the 60 hour requirement.

LEGAL PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES NOVEMBER FAMILY FORMS CLINIC

Seeking law student volunteers to participate in the November Family Forms Clinic at the George Edgecomb Courthouse. As a volunteer, you will help pro se litigants complete family law forms. Throughout November and December, the clinic will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Questions? Contact Staff Attorney Lillian Rosario at lrosario@bals.org. Sign up for 1 or more clinic dates [here](#).

COMMUNITY LAW PROGRAM

The Community Law Program, based in downtown St. Petersburg, has several opportunities that law students can participate in to fulfill their pro bono requirements. These opportunities include:

- Assisting in clinic operations and client intake.
- Helping clients complete forms needed to facilitate their consultation with an attorney.
- Helping clients complete family law forms under the supervision of an attorney.
- Assisting with special projects and/or doing legal research for staff attorneys or volunteer attorneys doing pro bono work.
- Remote clinics in Housing, Family Law, Family Forms, Bankruptcy, Probate, and Civil.

To sign up & for training information, contact Chrystal Lunsford at clunsford@lawprogram.org.

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES OF MID-FLORIDA

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida offers a wide range of options for law student volunteer opportunities. These opportunities include:

- Assisting pro bono attorneys with cases.
- Joining CLSMF at legal advice clinics.
- Conducting legal research.

To learn about specific opportunities, visit their [website](#) or email Annette Hood, Manager of Volunteer Services, at annetteh@clsmf.org.

CROSSROADS FOR FLORIDA KIDS

Crossroads for Florida Kids is a nonprofit that trains and mentors pro bono attorneys to represent Hillsborough kids in their dependency and delinquency cases. Student volunteers are paired with 2 attorneys representing a child as their Attorneys ad Litem, attend court dates, meet with the client, and conduct occasional legal research remotely. Students must commit to volunteer for at least one semester. To express interest, contact Scott Tolliver, Executive Director, at Scott@crossroadsfloridakids.org.

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

SPRING 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

NASA KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, OGC - SPRING 2025 LEGAL INTERNSHIP

NASA is currently seeking a law student to serve as a legal intern (part-time, remote, in-person, or hybrid) during the spring semester of 2025. Interns will work on a broad range of legal matters encountered by the world's premier space agency, including government contracts, intellectual property, employment/labor law, government law, international law, and other issues. Deadline to apply is **December 2**. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL - INTERNSHIP WITH A JUDGE

The Second District Court of Appeal invites applications for a Spring 2025 internship position working with a judge in chambers at the courthouse in Tampa (located at the Stetson Tampa Law Center). Of note, some judges also offer remote and hybrid internships. This is an ideal opportunity for students interested in gaining an understanding of appellate practice and the inner workings of the court, as well as improving legal research and writing skills. Although this internship is unpaid, 2DCA is happy to work with students seeking course credit or legal pro bono hours. Deadline to apply is **November 30**.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - SPRING 2025 LAW CLERK (FLORIDA & CARIBBEAN)

Seeking a law clerk with a demonstrated interest in public interest environmental law to assist program attorneys with work to protect terrestrial, aquatic, and marine species and their habitat in Florida and the Caribbean. Must be a 2L, 3L, or LLM student during the spring 2025 semester. Deadline to apply is **December 6**. This position is primarily remote, but there will be opportunities for in-person meetings, hearings, and field visits in the Tampa Bay area. Compensation is \$18.07/hour.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - SPRING 2025 LAW CLERK (ENERGY JUSTICE)

Seeking a part-time law clerk for Winter/Spring 2025 to work in the Center's Energy Justice Program in Washington, DC or Oakland, CA. Remote work is an option for this clerkship. The EJP program works on issues concerning the clean energy transition, including combating utility and other industry obstacles to clean energy, and advancing the transformative energy policies critical to the planet and species. Must be a law student who will be a 3L during the spring 2025 semester, or a student pursuing their LLM, to be eligible. Interviews are conducted on a rolling basis. **Early applications encouraged**. Compensation is \$18.07/hour.

HOPE FAMILY SERVICES - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INJUNCTION INTERNSHIP

Hope Family Services is looking for a part-time legal intern to help with intakes, manage files in legal software (Clio), assist in trial prep, attend court with attorneys, and draft legal documents. The intern can volunteer in-person (3215 9th St. Bradenton) or remotely. To apply, email Jessica Ocasio, Esq. (Jessica.Ocasio@hopefamilyservices.org) your resume and a brief paragraph explaining why helping domestic violence victims is important to you. Deadline to apply is **November 15**. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

U.S. DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL - SPRING INTERNSHIP

VA OGC specializes in federal administrative law, representing the Dept. in employment law cases and handles matters in a wide range of administrative law topics, including health care law and benefits issues. Placement is in St. Petersburg or Tampa, depending on availability/preferences. Students have the opportunity to work in person and/or virtually and should plan to work at least 1-2 days per week (Tues., Wed., or Thurs. preferred, but flexible). Deadline to apply for Spring is **November 18**. Eligible for legal pro bono hours.

SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - SUMMER 2025 LAW CLERK (FLORIDA & CARIBBEAN)

Seeking a law clerk with a demonstrated interest in public interest environmental law to assist program attorneys with work to protect terrestrial, aquatic, and marine species and their habitat in Florida and the Caribbean. Must be a 2L, 3L, or LLM student during the fall 2025 semester. Deadline to apply is **February 6**, but they expect to begin interviewing as soon as they have candidates and may choose earlier. This position is primarily remote, but there will be opportunities for in-person meetings, hearings, and field visits in the Tampa Bay area. Compensation is \$18.07/hour.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - SUMMER 2025 LAW CLERK (CARNIVORE CONSERVATION)

Seeking a full-time Summer 2025 Law Clerk for the Carnivore Conservation program. The Center's carnivore conservation legal team files lawsuits, submits administrative petitions, and participates in other forms of advocacy on behalf of ecologically important carnivores. Must be a law student who has completed their first or second year of law school, or a student pursuing their LLM to be eligible. This position is either remote or located in Portland, Oregon, although many Portland staff are currently working remotely. Deadline to apply is **November 29**. Compensation is \$18.07/hour.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT - SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CJP is a movement lawyering organization that provides legal, policy, and capacity-building support to grassroots organizations throughout South Florida. Interns join CJP's Miami team to work on a varied caseload, including policy advocacy, campaign strategy, direct representation, litigation, community education, arts and research. Interns receive broad exposure to various issue areas and campaigns, including campaigns to: combat climate gentrification, defend tenants and workers, end the criminalization of immigrants and communities of color; improve equity in disaster recovery; and more. 1L deadline to apply is **January 15**.

PEGGY BROWNING FUND SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for PBF Fellowships are now open. The program provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to advancing workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related not-for-profit organizations, union-side law firms and other nonprofit organizations. It is a 10-week summer fellowship and is available to 1L, 2L, and 3E law students. View the list of participating employers [here](#). Learn how to apply [here](#).

JANET D. STEIGER FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

Provides law students with the opportunity to work in the consumer protection departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General and other consumer protection agencies, as well as the National Association of Attorneys General and the Attorney General's Office of the District of Columbia. Selected students receive a \$6,000 stipend. Deadline to apply is **November 29**.

PALM BEACH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION - DIVERSITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Diversity Internship Program is accepting applications for summer internships. The DIP provides diverse law students the opportunity to obtain practical experience in the legal profession and gain exposure to the Palm Beach County legal community. Deadline to apply is **December 20**.

NACA CONSUMER LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Interested students should arrange an internship position, contingent on funding, with a legal services or public interest organization's consumer law unit or a private law firm. Find NACA members expressly interested in hosting summer fellows [here](#). The following Florida-based offices are interested in hosting fellows: Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Varnell & Warwick, and Craig E. Rothburd, P.A. Deadline to apply is **February 1**. Candidates must secure a prospective host organization before the application deadline.

JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID - NACA CONSUMER LAW 2-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

This unique 2-year fellowship offers upcoming law school graduates who are expected to sit for the July 2025 Bar exam the opportunity to work with top consumer advocates on exciting cases, gain hands-on experience, and build a pathway to success doing well, while doing good. In the first year, the fellow will work as a consumer attorney at the host organization providing full representation to low-income clients. In the second year, the fellow will work with NACA member consumer law firms (in the same state) and learn the challenges and rewards of the practice of consumer law in a private law setting. Review a list of approved host organizations and projects [here](#). Deadline to apply is **January 1**.

EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY - 2025-2027 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW FELLOW

Everytown Law is part of Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, the education, research, and litigation arm of the nation's leading gun violence prevention organization. This is a full-time, 2-year position that can be based in either New York City or Washington, D.C. Starting salary is \$87,500-\$90,000 per year depending on experience. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be contacted on a rolling basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE - PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FELLOW

ELI is offering a 2-year fellowship, beginning September 2025. The fellow works closely with other attorneys and professionals to advance environmental protection, the rule of law, and environmental justice. The work frequently requires considering how environmental protection is affected by other laws and policies that are related to environment and society (e.g., those governing energy, taxation, land use, human rights, and governance and administration). Deadline to apply is **December 16**. Position based in Washington, DC.

2025-27 VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT LEGAL FELLOWSHIP

Fair Elections Center is seeking current law school students, recent graduates, or judicial law clerks with a background or strong interest in civil rights, voting rights, or election reform to work on cutting-edge voting rights litigation for a fully funded legal fellowship. The applicant must hold a J.D. by the summer of 2025 and take the bar in any state. The position is remote, but some travel may be required. Position open until filled so early applications are encouraged.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - LAW CLERK/ATTORNEY

The Honors Attorney Program will provide mentoring and training in a wide variety of legal practice including environmental law, legislation and regulation, litigation and enforcement, international law, nuclear energy, electricity and fossil energy, clean energy and energy efficiency, procurement, intellectual property, fiscal and privacy law, government ethics, and federal employment and labor law. Current law school students in their final year of law school eligible to apply. Deadline to apply is **November 18**. Position based in Washington, DC.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ATTORNEY HONORS PROGRAM

The Attorney Honors Program is the FCC's primary vehicle for hiring entry-level attorneys. AHP participants serve in a 2-year program designed to introduce them to the field of communications law and policy. The FCC encourages law students in their final year of study, recent law school graduates, and current judicial clerks with superior academic credentials and an interest in public service and communications law to apply. Deadline to apply is **November 21**. Position based in Washington, DC.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/EVENTS

NACC CHILD WELFARE LAW FELLOWSHIP PANEL

Join the National Association of Counsel for Children's (NACC) virtual panel with three child welfare law fellows. This is the perfect opportunity for law students to learn about pathways to public interest careers in child welfare through post-graduate fellowship opportunities. This event will be held on **November 15** at 1:00 p.m. EST. View zoom meeting link and event details [here](#).

GUARDIANSHIP PANEL

NAMI on Campus and Child Advocates of Stetson Law will be posting a panel regarding guardianship, including the responsibilities, benefits, and opportunities. Fresh Kitchen will be served. The event will take place on Monday, **November 18** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Classroom G. RSVP on Engage [here](#).

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS WEBINAR - PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER PLANNING 101

Join Equal Justice Works for a discussion on how to best plan for a career in public interest law. Discussion topics will include best practices for navigating your job search, applying and interviewing for public interest positions, and building out your public interest law resume during law school. This event will be held virtually on November 20 at 3:00 p.m. Register [here](#).

UPDATE ON PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS

Join the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Coalition on **December 11** 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.

SAVE THE DATE - EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS LAW STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for Equal Justice Works Law Student Fellowship Programs will open in January 2025. Students are provided with the opportunity to gain hands-on legal experience, expand connections in the legal field, and support a community or cause they are passionate about. Students earn \$7,000 for their service. This summer, students will serve at host organizations as part of the Rural Summer Legal Corps, Disaster Resilience Program, and the Crime Victims Advocacy Program. Subscribe to EJW for fellowship updates.

STETSON LAW PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

Meet representatives of public interest and government organizations to learn about summer internship and post-graduate opportunities. This Fair will be an in-person, table-talk format in the Great Hall on Thursday, **February 27** from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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, Associate Director of Public Interest Careers and Pro Bono, at 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) 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.