

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

FFLA CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Apply by November 8!

The FFLA Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellowship Program is seeking rising second- and third-year law students for placement at non-profit legal service programs throughout Florida during summer 2025. This Fellowship runs for a period of 10 weeks and is a full-time position for the summer. The monetary stipend for each student is \$9,000. This Fellowship offers students a unique opportunity to gain meaningful legal experience while also helping low-income Floridians meet their civil legal needs. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. The application process will close Nov. 8 at 11:45 p.m. EST. Interested in learning more or need assistance with your application materials? Contact Associate Director Stephanie Storke at sstorke@law.stetson.edu.

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LEGAL PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL - PRO BONO 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). Please apply only if you can dedicate a minimum of 8 weeks. Please email your resume, current unofficial transcript, writing sample, and a cover letter to Attorney Heather Blackmon at Heather.Blackmon@va.gov and Attorney Caroline Johnson at Caroline.Johnson5@va.gov for consideration. Application deadline for Spring is **November 18**. Learn more about the position on Symplicity under the Jobs tab (non-OCI). This opportunity is ideal for students interested in exploring in-house counsel roles in government.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INJUNCTION INTERNSHIP - PRO BONO

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**.

MIAMI STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE - WINTER BREAK PROGRAM

This winter break, students have the chance to participate in a week-long, in-person program with the Miami State Attorney's Office from January 6 to January 10. This opportunity will allow participating students to earn 40 legal pro bono hours and gain insight into the daily responsibilities and impact of a prosecutor's office. This program is ideal for students who live or have access to accommodations in the Miami-Dade area. Interested students are encouraged to contact Associate Director Stephanie Storke at ssorke@law.stetson.edu to express interest by **November 8**.

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 Irosario@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

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

SPRING/SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES

STETSON CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS - SPRING 2025

The applications for Spring 2025 Clinics and Externships are now OPEN and will close **November 11**. 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.

FFLA CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

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 are due **November 8**. Offers will be released in early December.

NAACP SUMMER 2025 LAW STUDENT LEGAL INTERNSHIP

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) is accepting applications for 2025 summer litigation internships for the New York, Washington D.C., and Atlanta offices. Interns will be in-person in their assigned office 2 days a week and work primarily on litigation-related projects. Interns will be exposed to a variety of activities within the broader national civil rights coalition, including joining brown bag luncheons featuring prominent civil rights and public interest attorneys. Positions filled on a rolling basis so applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

PEGGY BROWNING FUND SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for PBF Fellowships will open November 8. 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.

HAYWOOD BURNS MEMORIAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

The Haywood Burns Fellowships are designed to encourage students to work in the National Lawyers Guild's tradition of people's lawyering. Fellowships may be completed with NLG aligned organizations or law firms whose mission is in line with the Guild's commitment to prioritizing people and ecosystems over property interests. The deadline to apply is **January 6**.

PILI SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with public interest law agencies in Illinois and pays them for their work. Summer interns will receive \$6,500 for working 400 hours. The application system will open at 10am CST on November 1st for 2Ls and November 15 for 1Ls.

SUMMER EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS

EJA offers summer fellowship grants up to \$5,000. To apply, students must secure a full-time placement for the summer working a minimum of 10 weeks at a civil legal services organization. To be eligible for an EJA fellowship, students from Stetson Law must choose a placement with a legal aid program within Florida. Deadline to apply is **March 24**.

JANET D. STEIGER FELLOWSHIP PROJECT - SUMMER

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**.

2025 POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

NACA CONSUMER LAW 2-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) is offering 2-year consumer law fellowships to upcoming law school graduates who are expected to sit for the July 2025 Bar exam. Review a list of approved host organizations and projects [here](#). Deadline to apply is **January 1**.

KIVU IMMIGRATION LAW FELLOWSHIP

Kivu Immigration Law PLLC is a Minnesota-based firm that recently launched a two-year, paid fellowship program that seeks upcoming and recent law graduates committed to providing legal services for refugees and immigrants. Fellows receive training and mentorship in order to provide holistic legal representation on immigration matters and engage in on-the-ground community advocacy with schools, businesses, and other local community organizations. Applicants may be 3Ls, graduating law school by the spring of 2025, and must have already passed a state bar exam, or plan to take a state bar exam in July 2025. Deadline to apply is **November 10**.

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**.

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.

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**.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/EVENTS

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.

FEMA BENEFITS SESSION

To assist the Stetson and wider community with FEMA benefits, Professor Christine Cerniglia, a disaster law expert, is holding a session to share information to help you navigate FEMA forms and more. The next session will be held Saturday, **November 2**, 2024 from 10am-noon. RSVP [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](#).

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.

STETSON LAW PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

Come 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 [sstorke@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) 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.