

# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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## ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK WITH JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, in collaboration with UF College of Law, Jacksonville Law, and Stetson Law will host “Alternative Spring Break” during the week of March 17, 2025. Not only will you be able to network with local members of the judiciary as well as attorneys, but you will also receive training on how to draft “Advance Directives.” After your training, you will assist with the preparation of these Advance Directives at various senior-citizen residential facilities throughout Jacksonville. Only 8 Spots Available for Stetson Law students. Interested? Contact Stephanie Storke, Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at [ssorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssorke@law.stetson.edu).

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## LEGAL PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

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### **VOTER ACTION PINELLAS - WINTER BREAK PROJECTS (REMOTE)**

This Winter Break, Stetson students can participate in remote pro bono opportunities with Voter Action Pinellas, an organization dedicated to advancing social justice and protecting democracy.

Projects are flexible, with no required meetings or set hours, and a minimum commitment of three hours. Students can even fulfill their entire Pro Bono requirement during the break!

“Legal pro bono” opportunities include:

- March Municipal Election Research: Research candidates, ballot questions, and voter education materials for Pinellas County’s March 2025 elections.
- Voter Rights Research: Review voter registration procedures, training, and tools to ensure compliance with Florida law.

“Nonlegal” opportunities include: Assist with voter turnout research, graphic design, voter data analysis, or in-person outreach to underrepresented communities.

For questions or to get involved, contact Mary C. Fahy, Esq., Skelton, Willis & Wallace, LLP (727-424-6987; [mfahy@swbwlaw.com](mailto:mfahy@swbwlaw.com)).

### **SKELTON, WILLIS & WALLACE, LLP - WINTER BREAK PROJECT (REMOTE)**

Earn pro bono hours this Winter Break by assisting Returning Citizens (individuals with felony convictions) in seeking restoration of their voting rights. This remote opportunity includes:

- Researching criminal records to determine eligibility and any outstanding fines or fees.
- Preparing requests for Advisory Opinions or Motions to Modify Sentence as needed.

Students will receive training (credited as non-legal pro bono hours), and all project work earns legal pro bono credit. Participation is flexible—once trained, you can choose to assist when new clients are referred.

For questions or to get involved, please contact Mary C. Fahy, Esq., Skelton, Willis & Wallace, LLP (727-424-6987; [mfahy@swbwlaw.com](mailto:mfahy@swbwlaw.com)).

### **FAMILY FORMS CLINIC - JANUARY 2025**

Seeking law student volunteers to participate in the Family Forms Clinic at the George Edgecomb Courthouse throughout January. As a volunteer, you will help pro se litigants complete family law forms. 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). To sign-up for one or more clinic dates, complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/3qE3p9QFTrncgd4D7>

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## SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

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### **2025 JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (JIOP), ABA SECTION OF LITIGATION**

JIOP offers diverse law students a summer internship with state or federal judges in several locations nationwide. Participants gain legal research and writing experience while advancing diversity in the profession. Internships require a six-week minimum, and selected students receive a \$2,000 award. Applications must include a resume, statement of interest, legal writing sample, and grades (if 2L; 1Ls are asked to add first semester grades as soon as they are available). Deadline to apply is **January 10**.

### **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](#).

### **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.

### **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 across the country as part of the Rural Summer Legal Corps, Disaster Resilience Program, and the Crime Victims Advocacy Program. [Subscribe to EJW](#) for fellowship updates.

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS DIVERSITY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**

The fellowship provides opportunities for law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to work with exceptional and experienced criminal defense attorneys. Students may earn up to \$4,500 for the summer for up to 8 weeks of employment. Students may apply to receive funding for either a summer internship they have already secured or can choose from the Fellowship's broad array of potential employers, including solo practitioners, firms, and state and federal public defense agencies, located throughout the U.S. Applications are due on **February 18**.

### **EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA SUMMER 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**.

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### **NEUFELD SCHECK BRUSTIN HOFFMAN & FREUDENBERGER, LLP - 2025 SUMMER ASSOCIATE**

NSBHF is a boutique national civil rights law firm based in NYC and is accepting applications for their 2025 Summer Associate Program on a **rolling basis until Friday, January 10**. The salary for the Summer Associate role is \$20,000 (gross) for 10 weeks. Summer associates will work on all aspects of litigation, including research, motion drafting, and preparing attorneys for depositions and hearings. Who should apply? Class of 2026 law students both with a demonstrated commitment to civil rights, litigation, and social justice and with excellent analytical, research, and writing skills.

### **HUGHES SOCOL PIERS RESNICK & DYM LTD - 1L SUMMER ASSOCIATE**

HSRPD, a Chicago-based law firm with a national practice, seeks a Summer Associate who is currently a 1L to work with the firm's Complex Litigation group, which has a practice concentrated in the areas of civil rights & constitutional law, labor & employment law, and false claims act/qui tam litigation. The position will pay \$1,000 per week for 8 to 10 weeks. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, starting January 1, 2024

### **VALERIE ZUKIN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP**

Summer fellows gain hands-on experience advocating for immigrant rights in detention. In 2025, the California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (CCIJ) and Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD) will each host one fellow for a 10-week, full-time fellowship paying \$15,000 over the summer. All work for the ILD fellow will be remote and the fellow can reside anywhere in the United States. The CCIJ fellow must reside anywhere in California during the course of the fellowship, with the option to work from CCIJ's Oakland office. Deadline to apply is **January 15**.

### **THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY - MULTIPLE POSITIONS**

LAS has multiple non-paid internship opportunities for 1L students to participate in its NYC Borough offices across several practice areas. Interns who meet eligibility criteria have an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 stipend from the Howard Rossbach fund. The stipend, awarded through a lottery system, aims to support 4-5 interns annually who demonstrate financial need and lack funding for their internship at LAS. Opportunities available with LAS' Law Reform Unit, Juvenile Rights Practice, Criminal Defense Practice, and Civil Practice. Deadline to apply is 3:00 pm EST on **February 7**.

### **LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS - SUMMER 2025 LAW CLERK**

LCV is seeking a law clerk who will support its legal team on a variety of issues ranging from labor and employment law questions, intellectual property, telecommunications, data and cybersecurity, federal and state election law, nonprofit tax law, and more. The position is fully remote and compensation is \$20/hour for up to 40 hours per week. Deadline to apply is **January 26**.

### **LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW - SUMMER LEGAL INTERN**

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is offering legal internships to support their work to achieve racial justice. Interns contribute to projects that make impactful change and provide the intern with professional and personal development. This position will be based in Washington, DC and offers a stipend of \$7,500. Deadline to apply is **February 28**.

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## 2025 POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES - STAFF ATTORNEY POSITIONS**

CLSMF is accepting applications from 3Ls and recent graduates for a Helpline Staff Attorney and Family Law Staff Attorney. CLS is a full service legal aid law firm that promotes equal access to justice. Their attorneys help low-income people resolve urgent, non-criminal legal problems that make a difference in their everyday lives, such as protecting seniors from unlawful evictions, making sure women and children are protected from violence in their homes, and helping veterans receive financial benefits they have earned and rely on. Positions based in Orlando, FL. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. To view the full posting and apply, visit the Symplicity "Jobs" tab.

### **GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER - 2025 CLIMATE FELLOW PROGRAM**

GCC is seeking two graduating JD students for 1-year Climate Fellowships starting in September 2025. One fellow will join the Center's Mitigation Program to support policies that cut greenhouse gas emissions and speed the transition to a clean energy economy. The second fellow will join the Center's Adaptation Team, which works to reduce the impacts of climate change by advancing climate adaptation and resilience. Applicants should be JD Class of 2025. Deadline to apply is **January 15**.

### **STAY HOUSED LA PROJECT - POST-GRADUATE FELLOW**

Stay Housed LA is a partnership between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and local community and legal service providers to implement a county-wide right to counsel program. Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSA) is seeking current 3Ls and recent graduates to join their eviction defense team, which is tasked with addressing the housing crisis through this county-wide right to counsel program. Salary for this 2-year fellowship position (with option to continue) is \$71,000. Applications will be accepted **until the position is filled**.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND - TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE LAW FELLOW**

NARF is a non-profit national Indian law firm representing Tribal Nations, organizations, and individuals in Indian law matters of major significance. NARF's offices are located in Boulder, Anchorage, and Washington, DC. They are looking for candidates with a strong background in federal Indian law and public service for a 2-year fellowship to focus on tribal water rights and water resource issues, starting around fall 2025. Candidates must have the ability to sit for the Feb/July 2025 bar exam. Salary is \$100,000 annual. Deadline to apply is **January 10**.

### **LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE OF LAW - EARTHRISSE LEGAL FELLOW**

Seeking a 2025 law grad for a 2-year fellowship starting in Aug. 2025. Earthrise has a full docket of exciting matters covering a broad spectrum of environmental issues, including endangered species, forest protection, and more. Compensation is \$59,000 for the 1st year, with an increase to \$63,000 annually in 2nd year of fellowship. Deadline to apply is **January 10**. Position is based in Portland, OR.

### **EARTHJUSTICE, NORTHWEST OFFICE**

Seeking an Associate Attorney to join their Seattle office. This is a 3-year position with the opportunity for an extension. Anticipated start date is September 2025. 2025 graduates are welcome to apply. The salary range for this position is \$101,800-\$129,100. Deadline to apply is **January 12**.

### **HOUSING CONSERVATION COORDINATORS - 2025 STAFF ATTORNEYS**

HCC is a community-based, non-profit based in NYC. Their programs work to promote social and economic justice and fight for the rights of poor, low-income, and working individuals and families. HCC is hiring Staff Attorneys to represent tenants in housing proceedings in Manhattan Housing Court. 3Ls are welcome to apply. Starting salary for Law Graduates is \$70,419. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a **rolling basis**.

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SECTION NETWORKING EVENT**

The Florida Bar's Public Interest Section is hosting a Central Florida networking event on **January 30** at 6:00 p.m. This free event is designed to bring together members of the public interest law community, including law students and legal professionals, to build meaningful connections. Those who attend will have the opportunity to meet attorneys in their own community who are members of the Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar. The event will take place at Great Southern Box Company, 2105 N Orange Blossom Trl, Orlando, FL 32804. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

**EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS' 2025 DISASTER RESILIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

This symposium, held at Stetson Law, offers a unique opportunity to reflect on lessons learned from past disasters, including Hurricane Katrina. Through dynamic keynote presentations, interactive workshops, and collaborative discussions, participants will delve into the latest trends and best practices in disaster response, preparedness, and recovery. Law students may register to attend at no cost. This event will be held **March 18-19** from 8:30 a.m. - 4: 00 p.m. on Stetson's Gulfport campus.

**CAMPUS TO CAREER 2025: HOW I LAWYER**

Conference programming is heavily geared towards 1Ls, and will include dynamic sessions to help you to begin cultivating your professional identity. On **January 31** after a morning of programming and a keynote lunch, we will open the doors of the Advocacy Center for a Law Practice Showcase and Expo, where students can mingle with law practice mentors, including attorneys and judges, to explore different practice areas and learn how they lawyer. 1Ls are strongly encouraged to attend, so don't miss out. RSVP [here](#).

**STETSON LAW PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR**

Are you interested in using your law degree to make a difference? Save the date for the Public Interest Career Fair, taking place on Thursday, **February 27** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. This event will connect you with nonprofits, legal service organizations, and government agencies eager to share information about summer internship, pro bono, and post-graduate opportunities.



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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, Associate 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.