

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.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES PROGRAM - SPRING 2025

If you are passionate about nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, and the intersection of law and community impact, don't miss this opportunity! The Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy (The Alliance) is seeking student pro bono interns to work virtually with nonprofit organizations in the Tampa Bay area. A partnership between the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Stetson University College of Law, The Alliance connects students with the philanthropic community to strengthen nonprofit efforts addressing community needs.

Commitment:

- Minimum of 3 hours/week for 6 weeks starting the week of February 17th (longer engagements preferred).

Highlights:

- Collaborate with nonprofit leaders, business executives, and philanthropists.
- Gain exposure to the grantmaking process
- Participate in community meetings and networking opportunities.
- Analyze socio-economic data and assist in evaluating programmatic outcomes

Submit a resume and cover letter by **5 p.m. on Thursday, February 6th**. Include your availability, interest in specific organizations, and relevant experience. To learn more, view the full posting [here!](#)

TEEN COURT TRAINING

Earn legal pro bono hours with St. Pete Teen Court, a diversion program that provides second chances for at-risk youths who have not previously been in the criminal justice system. Sessions are held every Tuesday evening from 4:45 - 7PM. Interested in signing up? Attend the info session and training, which be held virtually on Thursday, February 6 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM, to learn more. Questions? Contact Stephanie Storke at [sstorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssstorke@law.stetson.edu). Register to attend and get the meeting link [here](#).

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES - FEBRUARY FAMILY FORMS CLINIC

As a student volunteer, you will help pro se family law litigants complete family law forms at the George Edgecomb Courthouse. No experience or expertise is needed. All hours are eligible for legal pro bono. Throughout February, the clinic will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Sign-up for 1 or more clinic dates [here](#). You can sign up for as many available dates as you'd like.

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

SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS - RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The Rural Summer Legal Corps connects public interest law students with LSC-funded civil legal aid organizations nationwide to address critical legal issues facing rural communities. This year, 50 Fellows will be hosted by organizations across the U.S. Each Fellow will spend 8-10 weeks working on a uniquely designed community project at their host and earn \$7,000 for working 300 hours. Applications due **February 11**. [View the legal aid organizations hosting Fellows](#) this summer, and the corresponding project descriptions. Find out more about the program by [reading through the FAQ's](#).

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS DISASTER RESILIENCE PROGRAM STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The [Disaster Resilience Program](#) places law students at legal services organizations where they gain exposure to strategic policy and advocacy, legal disaster preparedness, and recovery work. Student Fellows spend eight to ten weeks working alongside Equal Justice Works post-graduate Fellows, while developing valuable skills and gaining hands-on experience in disaster law. Students earn \$7,000 for working 300 hours during the summer of 2025.

Stay tuned, the application for the Disaster Resilience Program Student Fellowship will open soon!

ABA JOHN J. CURTIN, JR. JUSTICE FUND 2025 SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship Program is seeking motivated law student interns to apply for stipends available for the Summer Program. These students should have a position offered, contingent on funding, from a qualified organization. The Program will pay a \$3,500 stipend to three law students who spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through **March 28**.

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**.

FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The number and locations of internships opportunities available each term is based on agency need and opportunity; a summary page with a brief description of each unit has been added to the last page of the intern application available [here](#) to assist you in your selection. Interested students are directed to complete and submit the appropriate application packet prior to the **February 28** for Summer 2025 internships. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

FEDERAL DEFENDER, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The goal of the Office of the Federal Defender is to ensure the right to provide effective assistance of counsel to those accused of federal crimes as guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment. The Middle District of Florida has a limited number of placements in each division: Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Fort Myers, and Ocala. For summer, the deadline to submit your application is **February 28**.

SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OGC, SOUTHEAST DISTRICT - SUMMER INTERNS

Selected students research legal issues, draft memoranda or law and pleadings, and assist attorneys during trials, arbitrations, mediations, depositions, and conferences with administrative law judges. Placement is in one of OGC's Core Offices in St. Petersburg or Tampa, depending on availability and preferences of selectees. Students should plan to work at least one day per week in the office (Wednesday is preferable, but flexible). Please apply only if you are able to dedicate a minimum of 8 weeks. The application deadline for Summer 2025 is **March 31**. To view the full posting, visit the Symplicity Jobs Board.

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**.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS DIVERSITY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Provides opportunities for law students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to work with exceptional and experienced criminal defense attorneys. Earn up to \$4,500 for up to 8 weeks of employment. Students may apply to receive funding for an internship they have already secured or can choose from the Fellowship's broad array of potential employers, including solo practitioners, firms, and state/federal public defense agencies, located throughout the U.S. Apply by **February 18**.

CENTER FOR HIV LAW & POLICY - LEGAL INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2025 REMOTE

CHLP is an abolitionist legal and policy organization that envisions and works for a world where HIV and other stigmatized health conditions are no longer criminalized but met with compassion and the resources to thrive. Summer intern assignments will likely include legal research in support of advocacy for individuals in civil confinement, research to assist attorneys advising state coalitions, analyses for the HIV Policy Resource Bank, and more. Compensation is \$20/hour based on a 35-hour week. Applications accepted on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged.

ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND - LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PROGRAM SUMMER 2025 CLERKSHIPS (REMOTE)

ALDF's 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 will gain experience with and knowledge of animal protection issues, campaigns, and advocacy, while improving skills in research, writing, legislative analysis, coalition-building, and lobbying strategies. Compensation is \$20/hour. Deadline to apply is **March 10**.

BERGSTROM CHILD WELFARE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Through the fellowship, students gain experience and insight into the field and provide much-needed services to various child welfare offices specializing in representing children, parents, and social service agencies. After attending a retreat in May, fellows spend at least 10 weeks at a child welfare law internship. Travel costs to the retreat and to fellows' summer internships or home after the event will be covered by the program. Deadline to apply is **March 31**.

POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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, taking the July DC Bar Exam, encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted by **January 31**.

LEGAL AID CHICAGO - 2025 STAFF ATTORNEY CLASS

Legal Aid Chicago is seeking to hire full-time staff attorneys to begin in fall 2025. Applicants must be willing to work in any of the following of Legal Aid Chicago's practice groups: Children & Families, Consumer, Housing, Immigrant & Workers' Rights, Pro Bono & Community Partnerships, and Public Benefits. Ultimate placements will be assigned based upon practice group need and considering the interests, skills, and experience of the applicant. The deadline for applications is **February 7**.

LEGAL SERVICES NYC - FALL 2025 HOUSING LAW GRADUATES/STAFF ATTORNEYS

LSNYC seeks law graduates and/or staff attorneys to join their Fall 2025 class of Right to Counsel attorneys. RTC attorneys are engaged in litigation, helping prevent evictions for tens of thousands of New Yorkers every day. The anticipated start date of this position will be September 8, 2025. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged.

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL CONFLICT & CIVIL REGIONAL COUNSEL, 5TH REGION - ATTORNEYS

The Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, 5th Region, is a State of Florida Agency that represents indigent individuals in over 20 different areas of law, both criminal, where the Public Defender has a conflict or if there are co-defendants, and civil. criminal attorneys handle full dockets of felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile delinquency cases, including death penalty cases. Applicants graduating in May 2025 must plan to take the July 2025 Bar Exam. The 5th Region covers 4 judicial circuits, 13 counties, and 7 offices in Florida, including Orlando, Ocala, Daytona, and St. Augustine. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 13**.

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS

The Public Defender's Office in Hillsborough County, Florida is seeking entry-level attorneys to practice in their Tampa office. Applicants who will be taking the upcoming bar examinations are eligible to apply. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 5**. Apply through Symplicity under the "OCI" tab.

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

The State Attorney's Office in Hillsborough County is seeking applications from third year law students and recent graduates for their Attorney positions in Tampa, FL, with an expected start date of Summer 2025. Trial team, moot court board, and or Certified Legal Intern preferred. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 5**. Apply through Symplicity under the "OCI" tab.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS: 2025 APPLICATION TIPS

Join EJW to get last minute tips on how to submit a successful application for their summer opportunities. EJW's Fellowships provide you with opportunities to gain hands-on legal experience, expand your connections in the legal field, and support a community or cause you are passionate about. Students who successfully serve in one of their summer programs earn \$7,000 for their service. Click [here](#) to register for the virtual webinar. This event will take place on **January 28** at 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SECTION NETWORKING EVENT

The Florida Bar's Public Interest Section is hosting a networking event on **January 30** at 6:00 p.m. at Great Southern Box Company, 2105 N Orange Blossom Trl, Orlando, FL 32804. This free event is designed to bring together members of the public interest law community to build meaningful connections. Click [here](#) to register for the event.

CAMPUS TO CAREER 2025: HOW I LAWYER

Conference programming 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. 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 30+ nonprofits, legal service organizations, and government agencies eager to share information about summer internship, pro bono, and post-graduate opportunities.

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS' 2025 DISASTER RESILIENCE SYMPOSIUM

This symposium 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.

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.