

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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STETSON LAW PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

Are you passionate about using your law degree to make a positive impact? 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 35+ nonprofits, legal service organizations, and government agencies eager to share opportunities for summer internships, pro bono work, and post-graduate positions.

Whether you're looking to gain hands-on experience in a specific area or explore various fields of public interest law, this fair is the perfect opportunity to network with organizations that are committed to creating social change. Don't miss your chance to learn how you can use your legal skills to serve communities in need.

SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

JWLA SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID

The Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association's (JWLA) mission is to actively promote gender equality in the legal profession. This internship offers critical legal experience for a law student, while also providing needed legal services in the Jacksonville community. The internship is a paid position at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. Preference will be given to students who are FAWL members. The position will be 16-20 hours/week for 10-12 weeks at \$18/hour. Applications due by **March 19**.

SOUTHERN LEGAL COUNSEL SUMMER 2025 LAW CLERK OPPORTUNITIES

Law Students conduct legal research and factual investigation; prepare legal memoranda; draft and review public records requests and responses; assist in all aspects of discovery such as document analysis, organization and indexing depositions; and assist in preparation of legal documents and pleadings. Since most of the work concerns federal court litigation, there is substantial legal research and writing involved. Excellent research, oral and written communication skills required with demonstrated interest in law, civil rights, and/or public policy. Second or third year students are preferred. Deadline to apply is **March 1**.

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 8-10 weeks working alongside EJW post-grad Fellows, while developing valuable skills and gaining hands-on experience in disaster law. Applications due **February 25**. Students earn \$7,000 for working 300 hours during the summer. View the legal aid organizations hosting Fellows this summer, and the corresponding project descriptions. Find out more about the program here.

BERGSTROM CHILD WELFARE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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. Deadline to apply is **March 31**.

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

The Curtin Justice Fund is seeking motivated law student interns to apply for summer stipends. Applicants should have a position offered, contingent on funding, from a qualified organization. The Program will pay a \$3,500 stipend to 3 law students who spend the summer working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless/indigent clients or their advocates. Applications 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**.

KOZYAK SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FUND

This fellowship awards \$5,000 in summer legal fellowships to allow Florida-based law students to have some financial support while gaining valuable experience during unpaid public service, government, non-profit, or judicial summer internships. Click here to download the guidelines and learn more about this fellowship program. The application deadline is **March 15**. Award notifications will occur on April 11.

POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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**.

MALDONADO & VALLEJO IMMIGRATION LAW - ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Maldonado & Vallejo Immigration Law is looking for a detail-oriented, driven, and personable 3L interested in working as a full-time associate at their firm upon taking and passing the July 2025 Florida Bar. Maldonado & Vallejo is an immigration law firm located in Gainesville, FL serving the North Central Florida area and beyond. They serve clients in family-based petitions, naturalizations, asylum and removal proceedings, TPS, and other immigration matters. Bilingual or fully fluent in Spanish preferred. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 23**.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES, CHILDREN'S LEGAL SERVICES - ATTORNEYS

Children's Legal Services is accepting applications from 3Ls for multiple Attorney positions throughout the State of Florida. Children's Legal Services attorneys advocate for the safety, well-being, and permanency of Florida's abused, abandoned, and neglected children. With a team of more than 300 attorneys, CLS is the leader in the courtroom at each stage of a Chapter 39 proceeding. Compensation is \$55,000 for attorneys. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 24**.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

This employer is accepting applications for Assistant State Attorney positions from 3Ls for their Sarasota, Bradenton, and Arcadia offices. ASAs begin in the Misdemeanor Division, and rotate through Juvenile before promotion to the Felony Division. In felonies, we have several specialty divisions, including child sex crimes, violent crime, homicide, white collar, and animal abuse. \$75,000 starting annual salary for ASA. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 26**.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS

This employer is seeking third year law students and recent graduates for Assistant Public Defender positions (offices in Fort Pierce, Stuart, Vero Beach and Okeechobee). Starting Salary for an Assistant Public Defender is \$65,000. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 27**.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

This employer is seeking applications from third-year law students for their Assistant State Attorney opportunities at their Fort Lauderdale, FL office. Applicants must possess a strong interest in being a trial lawyer and have excellent communication and critical thinking skills. Compensation is \$68,000. Deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring 2025 On-Campus Recruitment Program is **February 27**.

10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFO SESSION

Attend this presentation Judge Robert G. Fegers to learn about the 10th Judicial Circuit's Summer Internship Program. Through this internship program, interns will observe firsthand the working of the judiciary with emphasis on Circuit Court. This event will be held on **February 20** at 12:00 p.m. in SC 201. Lunch will be provided. Register to attend and note food restrictions [here](#). Food will be provided.

PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWS GENERAL BODY MEETING

Come meet the Public Service Fellows! Guest speaker, Stephanie Storke, the Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, will talk about the pro bono opportunities Stetson offers, answer questions about service requirements for graduation, and talk about what pro bono looks like during your professional careers. This event will be held on **February 25** at 12:00 p.m. in AD CRT 102. Register to attend [here](#).

CLINICAL EDUCATION LUNCH & LEARN

Learn about the available experiences and opportunities with the Clinical Experiential Education Office. This event will be held **February 26** at 12:00 p.m. in Classroom F. The application period for Summer 2025 Clinics and Externships is now open! You can access the application form [HERE](#). The application period for Fall 2025 will open Monday, March 17th. Register to attend the Lunch & Learn [here](#).

INTERVIEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP WITH CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FGLSA and the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) invite you to attend an interviewing skills workshop and grab some free lunch! Members of OCPD will cover vital tips and tricks to succeed in your next interview and become more comfortable when talking with employers and networking. Whether you are a 1L, 2L, or a 3L, this workshop will be beneficial to all! This event will be held **February 26** at 12:00 p.m. in Classroom A.

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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. This event will be held **March 18-19** from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Stetson's Gulfport campus. Currently enrolled law students may register to attend at no cost. If you are a Stetson Law student interested in attending this event, please directly email Kaylie Murphy at kjmurphy@law.stetson.edu.

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.

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.