

# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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## DON'T FORGET TO LOG YOUR HOURS!

Have you volunteered with a public interest organization or government agency? Your service may count toward Stetson's pro bono graduation requirement! **May 2025 graduates:** Be sure to log at least 60 hours of pro bono service to stay on track for graduation. Still need to complete your hours before May? Contact [probono@law.stetson.edu](mailto:probono@law.stetson.edu) to schedule an appointment and discuss potential opportunities.

For step-by-step instructions on logging your hours, visit [Stetson's pro bono website](#).

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## SUMMER 2025 OPPORTUNITIES

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### **FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL - SUMMER LAW CLERKS**

The Florida Attorney General's Office is seeking first year and second year students for Summer Law Clerk positions. The Attorney General's Office provides legal services to the state of Florida, including prosecuting criminals, defending the state in civil cases, and protecting consumers. The Attorney General is also a member of the Florida Cabinet. The deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring OCI Program is **March 26**. To view the posting and apply, visit the "OCI" tab on Symplicity.

### **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**.

### **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**.

### **AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - CHILDREN'S LEGAL PROGRAM - SUMMER INTERN**

AIJ's Children's Legal Program provides free legal services to immigrant children, including children detailed in South Florida shelters to fight their deportation. Summer interns will directly support CLP staff by assisting with applications for relief, legal proceedings before immigration court and USCIS, legal research and writing, & Know Your Rights presentation. CLP's office is located in Miami. Certain tasks such as clinics may require in-person appearance. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Creole preferred. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Full posting available on Symplicity under "Jobs" or LinkedIn.

### **AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - LITIGATION & ADVOCACY PROGRAM - SUMMER INTERN**

The program operates under a movement & community lawyering model, serving the immigrant rights movement through strategic impact litigation, policy advocacy, community protection & education. Interns will conduct legal research; draft memoranda; attend coalition meetings; and more. This position may be hybrid or remote, so long as the intern is located in Florida. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Creole preferred. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until positions filled. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Full posting available on Symplicity under "Jobs" or LinkedIn.

### **AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - LUCHA PROGRAM - SUMMER INTERN**

AIJ's Lucha Program provides free legal representation to immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Interns will have the opportunity to assist with pre-screenings, legal consultations under attorney supervision, drafting client personal statements, applications for relief, legal proceedings, legal research and writing, and Know Your Rights presentations. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Creole is preferred. The program's office is located in Miami. Certain tasks may require in-person appearance. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Full posting available on Symplicity under "Jobs" or LinkedIn.

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### **AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - FAMILY DEFENSE PROGRAM - SUMMER INTERN**

The Family Defense Program informs and empowers immigrants, particularly mixed-status families and long-term residents whose futures are uncertain. Interns will directly support FDP staff attorneys and clients by assisting with: legal screenings and clinics; applications for relief; legal proceedings; rapid response work; and more. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Creole required. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the positions are filled. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Full posting available on Symplicity under “Jobs” or LinkedIn.

### **AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE - DETENTION PROGRAM - SUMMER INTERN**

The Detention Program helps detained immigrants obtain release and fight deportation, so they can be reunited with their families and community. Interns work closely with program staff to assist with direct representation matters, intake interviews, legal research and writing, rapid response work and outreach. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Kreyol required. AIJ’s office is located in Miami, FL. Certain tasks may require in-person appearance at the office and various detention facilities in Florida. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the positions are filled. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Full posting available on Symplicity under “Jobs” or LinkedIn.

### **LEGAL AID SERVICE OF BROWARD COUNTY - VOLUNTEER SUMMER INTERNSHIP**

Legal Aid Service of Broward County, located in Plantation, FL, is accepting applications for volunteer internships for Summer 2025. Summer interns would provide assistance to benefit the low-income community in Broward County. Possible tasks include client interviews, drafting pleadings and memoranda, and legal research. This position is unpaid, but eligible for legal pro bono. Legal Aid will interview selected candidates and make a final decision by March 31. Full posting available on Symplicity under “Jobs.”

### **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.

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## POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **ATTORNEY POSITIONS - FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

The Florida Office of the Attorney General is accepting applications from third year students and recent graduates for attorney positions. The Florida Attorney General's Office provides legal services to the state of Florida, including prosecuting criminals, defending the state in civil cases, and protecting consumers. The Attorney General is also a member of the Florida cabinet. The deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring OCI Program is **March 26**. To view the posting and apply, visit the "OCI" tab on Symplicity.

### **ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY - OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

The Office of the State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit is seeking applications from third-year law students for their entry level Assistant State Attorney opportunity with a start date of August 2025. This position involves trial litigation representing the State of Florida in criminal matters involving misdemeanor and felony offenses within Palm Beach County, FL. The current starting salary for an ASA is \$68,000/year. The deadline to apply through Stetson's Spring OCI Program is **April 29**. To view the posting and apply, visit the "OCI" tab on Symplicity.

### **PARENTEAU CLIMATE ACTION FELLOW - VERMONT LAW**

The Vermont Law & Graduate School's Environmental Law Center and Environmental Advocacy Clinic invites applications from upcoming law graduates to serve as a 1-year climate action fellow to begin in August 2025, with presumed renewal for one additional year. This position is full-time and can be either residential in South Royalton, VT, at VLGS' campus along the banks of the White River, or hybrid/remote, with a limited on-campus presence to be negotiated. Priority consideration deadline is **March 31**. Compensation is \$79,000.

### **LITIGATION FELLOW - CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION (CBF)**

Seeking a Litigation Fellow to be based at the Philip Merrill Environmental Center located in Annapolis, MD. CBF is the largest regional nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to saving the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers and streams, and the wildlife that call it home through education, advocacy, litigation, and restoration. This fellowship provides an opportunity for a recent law school graduate to work with experienced environmental practitioners and gain necessary training and professional development to launch a successful career in environmental law. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

### **LAW FELLOW - ALASKA NATIVE JUSTICE CENTER**

The Law Fellowship program is open to recent law school graduates who may or may not yet have passed a bar exam. These positions are full-time for one or two years and allow the fellow to develop essential skills necessary for the practice of law. ANJC fellows are provided exposure to a variety of Alaska Native legal issues while engage in research and writing, litigation, communication with clients, administrative advocacy, among other kinds of work. will work in close partnership with Alaska Native Justice Center attorneys, paralegals, case managers, and the Tribal Justice Team. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Salary range is \$72,400-\$89,000 annually.

### **STAFF ATTORNEY - CENTER FOR FAMILY REPRESENTATION, YOUTH DEFENSE PRACTICE**

CFR is an innovative law and policy organization that serves primarily Black and Brown families and youth in Queens, Manhattan, the Bronx, and Staten Island with an interdisciplinary legal defense model that serves more than 2400 clients every year. The Youth Defense Project Staff Attorney's core responsibilities will be to represent clients charged on juvenile delinquency matters in Family Court. Salary for a newly admitted Staff Attorney is \$84,900/year. Current 3Ls who will take the bar in July 2025 are eligible to apply. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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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 [sstorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:sstorke@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](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.

### **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.