

# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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## EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2026 ARE OPEN

Through the Design-Your-Own Fellowship program, Equal Justice Works seeks to create opportunities for new lawyers to transform their passion for equal justice into a lifelong commitment of public service. During the 2-year fellowship, nonprofit organizations working on legal issues (“Host Organizations”) host Fellows, providing them salary and benefits comparable to similarly situated staff. Fellow applicants forge their own path by working with a Host Organization to design a project that addresses an issue and community they care passionately about serving.

Applications are due September 18, 2025. If you haven’t secured a host organization yet, there’s still time to do so!

Planning to apply? Contact the Associate Director of Public Interest Careers ([ssstorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssstorke@law.stetson.edu)) for support throughout the application process.

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## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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### **ADVOCATES FOR TRANS EQUALITY - FALL 2025 LEGAL INTERNSHIP**

A4TE is a national organization committed to advancing justice and equity for transgender and nonbinary people through impact litigation, direct legal services, advocacy, and public education. Fall legal interns will primarily assist the impact litigation and Trans Health Project teams with legal research & writing, direct representation, policy advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, and client intake. The fall internship is a 12-week, part-time position with availability for at least 12 hours/week. Compensation is \$17/hour and the position is remote. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

### **GULF COAST LEGAL SERVICES - FALL 2025 LAW CLERK POSITIONS**

Gulfcoast Legal Services is currently seeking applicants for Fall 2025 part-time, paid law clerk positions in one of the following units: Family Law, Financial Stability, Housing, Special Projects, and Pro Bono. The positions are based in one of the following offices: St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Sarasota, Wimauma, and may involve travel as necessary to best serve clients. Compensation starts at \$22/hour. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Learn more [here](#).

### **US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FL - LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEER (SPRING 2026)**

Assignments for law student volunteers include drafting responsive motions, dispositive motions, memoranda of law, and appellate briefs. In addition, interns may attend dispositions, meetings with Agents, and accompany attorneys to observe court proceedings. Available practice areas include Appellate Litigation, Civil Litigation, and Criminal Litigation. Those applying to the Tampa office should indicate their preferred practice area. Other branch office applicants will be placed in the Criminal Division. Deadline to apply for Spring 2026 is 10/3/25. While positions are unpaid, hours are eligible for legal pro bono credit.

### **EARTHJUSTICE - SUMMER 2026 LAW CLERK PROGRAM**

Earthjustice is accepting applications for Summer 2026 Law Clerkships from July through Labor Day 2025. Summer law clerks will have the opportunity to work with several attorneys on case development and litigation strategy. Students may draft pleadings and briefs, do legal research, develop strategy and legal theories, gather evidence, and attend client meetings and court proceedings. Clerks will receive a one-time stipend at the start of the clerkship in the amount of \$1,320/week, minus the total amount received from any other sources and applicable taxes. The clerkship is designed to be 10 weeks long at full-time hours. Positions available across various offices, including the Florida Regional Office.

### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 13TH CIRCUIT - 2026 SUMMER INTERNS**

The Public Defender for the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County is seeking law students to join their team in the Tampa office next summer. Students can apply through Stetson Law's On-Campus Interview (OCI) Program. Student bidding ends 8/28/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity. While internships are unpaid, hours are eligible for legal pro bono credit.

### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 10TH CIRCUIT - 2026 SUMMER INTERNS**

This employer is seeking applications from first-year and second-year students for their paid Summer Intern positions for 2026. Interns gain hands-on exposure to every facet of practicing criminal defense at the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Public Defender's Office. Students can apply through Stetson Law's OCI Program. Student bidding ends 9/10/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

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## 2026 POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

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### **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS DESIGN-YOUR-OWN FELLOWSHIP**

Equal Justice Works' Design-Your-Own Fellowship program allows aspiring public interest attorneys to propose a 2-year project in partnership with a host organization. Fellows receive funding, support, and training to launch innovative legal initiatives that expand access to justice in underserved communities. The deadline to apply is 9/18/25. Applicants must secure a host organization and develop a project in tandem with their host organization before applying. If you intend to apply for a project-based fellowship opportunity such as EJW, contact Stephanie Storke at sstorke@law.stetson.edu for guidance.

### **SKADDEN FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS**

The Foundation awards 2-year fellowships to law school graduates, outgoing judicial law clerks, and LLM candidates who want to work in the public interest. Candidates partner with an eligible nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization to develop a project that addresses the unmet civil legal needs of people living in poverty in the US. The deadline to apply is 9/19/25. Applicants must secure a host organization and develop a project in tandem with their host organization before applying. If you intend to apply for a project-based fellowship opportunity such as Skadden, contact Stephanie Storke at sstorke@law.stetson.edu for guidance.

### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 10TH CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

This employer is seeking applications from third-year law students for their Assistant Public Defender positions in Bartow, Wauchula, and Sebring, FL, with an expected start date of Summer 2026. Salary starts at \$65,000 for new FL Bar members, negotiable with experience. Students can apply through Stetson Law's OCI Program. Student bidding ends 9/10/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

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

This employer is looking to fill multiple post-graduate positions for entry-level attorneys to join their Tampa office in 2026. Attorneys start at \$76,000 yearly. Students can apply through Stetson Law's OCI Program. Student bidding ends 8/28/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 4TH CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

This employer is seeking applications from third-year law students and recent graduates for their full time permanent Assistant Public Defender opportunities. The 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit includes Duval (Jacksonville), Clay, and Nassau counties. At the time of posting, the starting salary for admitted attorneys is \$65,000/year with standard State employee benefits. Students can apply through Stetson Law's OCI Program. Student bidding ends 7/30/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

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

The State Attorney's Office for the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit has several opportunities for entry-level assistant state attorney positions. Entry-level ASAs are assigned to the office's Juvenile or County Court Divisions. The expected state date for attorneys is March 2026 or August 2026. Students can apply through Stetson Law's OCI Program. Student bidding ends 8/19/25. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

\* To view additional 2026 post-graduate fellowship and honors program opportunities, visit the Postgraduate Public Interest & Government Opportunities [Tracking Spreadsheet](#).

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### **AMERICANS UNITED - CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP (2026-2028)**

Americans United is seeking a 2-year Fellow who is committed to civil rights, impact litigation, and upholding core First Amendment protections. Work would include defending rights of women, LGBTQ+ people, and racial and religious minorities against religion-based discrimination and oppression. Salary is \$81,600-\$102,000 annually, depending on experience and location. Fellows can work remotely from: California, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Montana, NY, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and Washington, DC. Apply by 9/12/25.

### **IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS - JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP (2026-2028)**

2-year Justice Fellowships are awarded to recent law graduates from around the country. IJC matches Fellow candidates with partnering host organizations based on the applicant's experience and preference, gaps in services within the country, and host organization needs. Applicants must graduate law school by the spring of 2026. Apply by 10/19/25 at 11:59 ET.

### **FRIED FRANK - CIVIL RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

Accepts applications from 3L students graduating in 2026. This year, they will select one Fried Frank Fellow in partnership with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund to begin at Fried Frank in 2026. The first 2 years of the fellowship will take place at Fried Frank's NYC office. Following the Fried Frank placement, LDF Fellows work at the New York City office of LDF. Apply by 10/14/25 at 11:59 EST.

### **EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE - LEGAL FELLOWSHIP (2026-2028)**

As part of the fellowship, EJI is engaging in an initiative on race and poverty that seeks meaningful solutions to long-standing problems. In addition, they are challenging excessive and abusive punishments imposed on children in the US, working on large reform projects relating to racial injustice and economic inequality, and maintain a large docket of death penalty cases, wrongful conviction cases, and civil rights cases. EJI will accept applications for the fellowship from 8/1-11/6/25. This position is based in Montgomery, AL.

### **MACDONALD HOAGUE & BAYLESS CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP (2026-2028)**

This Fellowship will begin in September 2026 and will provide an opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of MHB's Seattle-based civil rights practice, representing victims of police and prosecutorial misconduct; workplace injustice; discrimination based on protected identities; inhumane prison conditions; housing discrimination; and others harmed by government or corporate wrongdoing. Applicants must plan to take the Washington State bar exam by Fall 2026. Pay is \$81,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and \$87,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Apply by 9/10/25 at 11:59 PST.

### **GEORGIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HONORS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Honors Fellowship is a 2-year program for entry-level attorneys who are committed to public service. Honors Fellow candidates are current law students seeking post-graduation employment and recent law graduates employed in judicial clerkships or legal fellowships. Fellows will gain experience in legal research; discovery; motions practice; brief writing; and client interactions. Fellows who work in litigation sections should expect deposition and courtroom experience. Apply by 9/20/25.

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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).

### **Stetson Law Pro Bono**

This site provides information on Stetson's 60 hour pro bono graduation requirement, reporting hours, and finding opportunities.

### **Public Interest Toolkit**

Explore OCPD's Public Interest Toolkit to get started with your public interest internship or postgraduate job search. You'll find a range of resources to explore opportunities, prepare strong application materials, and understand timelines.

### **2026 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 2026. Please note the spreadsheet is not exhaustive. Additionally, inclusion on the spreadsheet does not indicate that an opportunity has been vetted by our office, nor does it imply that the employer complies with our nondiscrimination or recruitment policies.

### **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.

### **AccessLex Institute**

Filter through over 800 scholarship opportunities and writing competitions for incoming and returning law students.

### **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.