

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope your summer brought valuable experience and clarity about the kind of lawyer you hope to become. As you get begin the new academic year, it's time to look ahead to your 2L summer or post-graduate options. If you're a rising 3L and want to launch your career in public service, this is the time to focus on fellowships, honors programs, and other entry-level positions. Many of the most competitive opportunities now have rolling or early fall deadlines.

Stetson Law's On-Campus Interview Program is also now in full swing for summer and post-graduate hiring. Be sure to check Symplicity for upcoming application deadlines.

Need help getting started? OCPD is here to support you. Schedule an advising appointment today. Students seeking guidance on pro bono, public interest, or service-oriented careers should contact the Stephanie Storke, the Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at ssorke@law.stetson.edu.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

TEEN COURT

Looking for a unique way to earn legal pro bono hours? Join St. Pete Teen Court, a diversion program that gives juveniles a second chance when facing their first encounter with the criminal justice system.

- Sanctions are decided by a jury of the youth's peers, and participants are required to take responsibility for their actions and accept the consequences set by the peer court, students from various high schools in the community.
- Students Law students serve as judge during these proceedings.
- Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 4:45-7:00 p.m. in St. Petersburg.

An informational/training session will be held on Zoom on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 12:05-12:55 p.m. To register and receive the Zoom link, email Stephanie Storke at ssstorke@law.stetson.edu.

STETSON IMMIGRATION LAW FELLOWSHIP (FALL 2025)

Stetson Law and Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice) invite dedicated law students to join the Family Defense and Detention Programs. These programs support Florida's immigrant communities - especially long-term residents, mixed-status families, and detained individuals, through legal services and education. Fellows must commit to give (5) hours per week, with a maximum of twenty (20) hours per month, and will receive pro bono hours towards the graduation requirement. Work will primarily occur at the Tampa Law Center. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Kreyol preferred. To learn more, including how to apply, visit the [Campus Docket](#) or Symplicity Jobs.

SEPTEMBER FAMILY FORMS CLINIC

Bay Area Legal Services is seeking law student volunteer to participate in the Family Forms Clinic at the George Edgecomb Courthouse in downtown Tampa. As a student volunteer, you will help pro se family law litigants complete family law forms. No experience or expertise is needed. All students are eligible to sign-up. In September, the clinic will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sign-up for one or more clinic dates [here](#).

VOTER ACTION PINELLAS (FALL 2025)

Voter Action Pinellas (<https://www.voteractionpinellas.org/>), a nonprofit voter advocacy group, has pro bono opportunities available for students who can commit to at least fifteen hours during the fall. They can structure an unpaid internship with a commitment of at least forty hours, and can provide sixty or more hours for students interested in fulfilling their entire pro bono commitment this fall. The internship can include legal and/or nonlegal work, and is available for students at any stage of their studies. They'll provide training as necessary. These are remote projects, without any required in-person meetings or specified scheduled work hours. To learn more, visit the [Campus Docket](#).

SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER - SUMMER 2026 LEGAL INTERNSHIP

SPLC is currently accepting applications for their Summer 2026 Legal Internship. This is a full-time paid internship at \$17.50/hour. SPLC offers both remote and hybrid opportunities, with offices in Montgomery, AL; Atlanta, GA; Jackson, MS; New Orleans, LA; Washington, DC; and Florida areas. Applications are due by **Sept. 30**. Interested students can apply directly through [SPLC's website](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - SUMMER LAW INTERN PROGRAM

SLIP is the DOJ's competitive recruitment program for compensated summer internships. Law students who have completed at least one full semester by the application deadline are eligible to apply. Most successful applicants intern the summer between their 2L and 3L year. Part-time law students are also eligible to apply. All applicants should review eligibility rules, components participating, and application tips and checklist. The application will be open **Aug. 22-Sept. 2**. To view additional information, visit the [Department's website](#). A series of webinars will also be hosted on application tips. To view dates, visit the Events page.

FFLA 2026 CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellowship Program offers law students the opportunity to gain valuable legal service experience at a Florida non-profit legal service organization for a 10-week full-time paid summer fellowship. This year, FFLA will offer up to 30 law students fellowships. Stipends for students are \$9,000. The 2026 application window will be open from **Oct. 1 - Nov. 7**. Stay tuned for additional details.

EARTHJUSTICE - 2026 LAW CLERKSHIPS

Earthjustice will accept Summer 2026 Law Clerkship applications **through Labor Day**. Earthjustice will provide a one-time stipend at the start of the clerkship in the amount of \$1,320/week. Each litigation team participates in clerk hiring; candidates may submit applications to whichever and however many litigation teams they are interested. Positions are available in offices across the US, including the Florida office. For more info and to apply, visit [Earthjustice](#).

SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER - SUMMER LEGAL INTERNS

SELC is now accepting applications for summer legal interns, a paid opportunity for 2L students. Applications due by **Oct. 1**. Interns will receive \$9,000 for the summer. Positions available in Asheville, NC; Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Chapel Hill, NC; Charleston, SC; Charlottesville, VA; Nashville, TN; and Washington, DC. For more information and to apply, visit [SELC](#).

NATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CENTER - 2026 SUMMER INTERNSHIP

NCLC is seeking 2L students for Summer 2026 legal internships. Up to 5 positions are available for Boston, MA and up to 1 position is available for Washington, DC. Interns will receive a stipend of \$9500. Interns work on a variety of consumer law issues and projects and frequently have the opportunity to contribute to NCLC's litigation work. Applications will be considered on a **rolling basis** and NCLC anticipates beginning interviews in Sept. 2025. For more information, visit [NCLC](#).

PEGGY BROWNING FUND - SUMMER 2026 FELLOWSHIPS

PBF provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to advancing workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related organizations, union-side law firms, and other nonprofits (i.e., "mentor organizations"). Applications for the 2026 First Round cycle will close **Sept. 30**. To view the list of participating mentor organizations and learn how to apply, visit [PBF's website](#).

POST-GRADUATE 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL - AG FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Office of the NY State Attorney General (OAG) is recruiting applicants for the 2026 Attorney General Fellowship Program. This is a two year program for six law school graduates. Placements begin in Sept. 2026. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in working as a public service attorney. Fellows work to protect the rights and interests of the state and people of New York. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 3**. For more information, visit [OAG](#).

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 **Oct. 19** at 11:59 ET. For more information and to apply, visit [IJC](#).

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS - PAUL H. TOBIAS ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIP

The Paul H. Tobias Fellowship offers a recent law graduate the opportunity to work at the forefront of dismantling barriers to workplace justice and have an immediate impact on emerging issues affecting workers' lives. The Fellowship is based at the National Institute for Workers' Rights (The Institute), a nonprofit advocacy organization based in Concord, CA, and offers a remote work environment. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 1**. For more information, visit the [Institute's website](#).

LEGAL AID DC - APPELLATE ADVOCACY FELLOW

Legal Aid DC seeks an Appellate Advocacy Fellow to begin in the Fall of 2026. The Fellowship will be for one year, extendable to two years by mutual agreement of the Fellow and Legal Aid. The fellow is involved in all stages of briefing and arguing cases before the DC Court of Appeals. Individuals who are not already members of the DC bar must have graduated from an accredited law school (or anticipate doing so) before the fellowship commences. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 6**. For more information and to apply, visit [Legal Aid DC](#).

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

The Law Offices of Lisa B. McLean, Public Defender for the 13th Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County, 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 **Aug. 28**. To view the full posting and apply, visit the OCI tab in Symplicity.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HONORS PROGRAM

The Attorney General's Honors Program is the Department of Justice's entry-level federal attorney recruitment program. All applicants should review eligibility rules, components participating, and application tips and checklist. The application will be open **Aug. 22-Sept. 2**. To view additional information, visit the [Department's website](#). A series of webinars will also be hosted on application tips. To view dates, visit the Events page.

* To view additional 2026 post-graduate fellowship and honors program opportunities, visit the Postgraduate Public Interest & Government Opportunities [Tracking Spreadsheet](#). Students applying to a post-graduate fellowship or honors program should reach out to the Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono for guidance.

EVENTS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HONORS PROGRAM & SUMMER LAW INTERN PROGRAM APPLICATION TIPS WEBINAR

The Department of Justice's Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management is hosting a series of Application Tips webinars for their Honors and Summer Law Intern Programs. HP and SLIP applications open Friday, Aug. 22, and the deadline to apply is Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 11:59 ET. This program is for 2Ls/3Ls interested in summer internship or post-graduate opportunities with the DOJ.

- [DOJ HP/SLIP Application Tips Webinar](#): August 21st at 12:00 p.m. ET (Password: HPSLIPAppTips25; Access Code (if needed): 2828 332 7369)
- [DOJ HP/SLIP Application Tips Webinar](#): August 27th at 12:00 p.m. ET (Password: HPSLIPAppTips25; Access Code (if needed): 2828 023 4067)

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS FELLOWSHIP WEBINARS

Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) identifies promising lawyers who are passionate about immigrants' rights, places them with organizations where they can make the greatest difference, and supports them with training and expert insights as they directly assist immigrants in need. IJC will be hosting a series of webinars to answer questions and share information about the Justice Fellowship and application process. Sign up at the links below.

- [Justice Fellowship Informational Webinar: Wednesday, August 27th at 4 p.m. EST](#)
- [Justice Fellowship Informational Webinar: Wednesday, September 24th at 4 p.m. EST](#)
- [Justice Fellowship Application Process Webinar: Wednesday, October 1st at 4 p.m. EST](#)

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

Each fall, Equal Justice Works (EJW) hosts its annual career fair - the largest public interest legal career fair in the country - which brings together thousands of law students, recent graduates, and public interest employers from across the U.S. for three days of prescheduled interviews and informal "table talk" sessions. Students registration for this event is now open and important deadlines are listed below. For more information, visit [Equal Justice Works Career Fair](#).

- Students must apply for prescheduled interviews (i.e., available positions) by Sept. 19 at 12 p.m.
- Event registration will close for those students interested in participating in informal "table talk" discussions on Oct. 10 at 12 p.m.
- Students will have until Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. to sign up for employer "table talk" times.

Participating students may be eligible to receive reimbursement through Stetson's Professional Development Travel Fund.

PUBLIC INTEREST RESUME & COVER LETTER WORKSHOP

Save the date for Career Development's Resume and Cover Letter Workshop! At this workshop, you'll learn how to: highlight your skills, experiences, and interests for public interest/service roles; craft a compelling narrative that connects your passion to the employer's mission; and stand out in the hiring process. This event will take place on Oct. 6 from 12:05-12:55 p.m. in the Eleazer Courtroom. Food will be provided.

**** [TO VIEW OCPD EVENTS FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR, VISIT STETSON CONNECT](#)**

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.

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.

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 2026. Please note the spreadsheet is not exhaustive and the opportunities listed have not been vetted by OCPD.

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.

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.

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. Contact OCPD for the link and password to access.

AccessLex Institute

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