

# PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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## EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CAREER FAIR

Registration for the Equal Justice Works Career Fair, the largest public interest legal career fair in the country, is open. This year's fair will be held virtually, Oct. 16-18. The deadline to apply for prescheduled interviews (i.e., available positions) is Sept. 19 at 12:00 p.m. Even if you don't get the interview(s) you were hoping for, there will still be multiple opportunities throughout the career fair to speak with employers outside of interview times. Students will have time to sign up for employer "table talk" times. For more information on participating employers and deadlines, visit [Equal Justice Works Career Fair](#).

Questions? Contact Stephanie Storke, Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at [ssstorke@law.stetson.edu](mailto:ssstorke@law.stetson.edu).

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## PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

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### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

If you are interested in creating, working, or learning about nonprofit organizations and the intersection of philanthropy and the law this is a pro bono opportunity you do not want to miss! The Alliance for Advocacy and Philanthropy (The Alliance) is seeking student pro-bono interns to work virtually on a variety of projects with nonprofit organizations in the Tampa Bay area. The Alliance is a partnership between the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Stetson University College of Law. It is a partnership designed to engage students in the philanthropic community and to strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofit efforts to address the needs of communities in the Tampa Bay area.

Students who volunteer for these pro bono opportunities are required to commit to working at least three hours per week for a minimum of 6 weeks starting September 12. The preference is for longer multiweek engagements, but short-term one-time opportunities may also be available. Many of the assignments will be virtual.

Some of organizations that have worked with us in the past to provide these opportunities include:

- Social Venture Partners (SVP) Tampa Bay: <https://svptampabay.org/>
- Nonprofit Leadership Center (NLC): <https://nlctb.org/>
- LEAP Tampa Bay: <https://www.leaptampabay.org/>
- Florida College Access Network, <http://floridacollegeaccess.org/>
- National Alliance for Mental Illness – Pinellas County <https://nami-pinellas.org/>
- St. Pete Innovation District, <https://stpeteinnovationdistrict.com/>
- Florida Mental Health Institute, <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/fmhi/>
- St. Petersburg College, <https://www.spcollege.edu/>
- The Florida Philanthropic Network, <https://www.fpnetwork.org/>

As a student volunteer, you will be assigned nonlegal research and writing projects and in rare circumstances you may have an opportunity to conduct legal research. In addition, you may have opportunities to:

- Learn about the nonprofit grantmaking process
- Attend community meetings and virtual networking opportunities with nonprofit executives
- Collaborate with a wide variety of business executives, lawyers, and philanthropists
- Analyze socio-economic data, and
- Assist in evaluating programmatic outcomes

If you are interested in applying for one of these opportunities, please submit a resume and cover letter explaining your interest and/or experience in the nonprofit world **no later than Sunday, Sept. 7**. You will be notified of whether you are placed in the Community Associates Program no later than Monday, Sept. 8 and will begin your pro bono assignment beginning September 12th.

You should indicate in your cover letter how many hours per week you will be available to volunteer. If you prefer an organization noted above, please indicate that in your cover letter. Your resume and cover letter should be addressed to Professor Judith AM Scully and Dr. Jesse Coraggio and emailed to [thealliance@law.stetson.edu](mailto:thealliance@law.stetson.edu).

\*To view additional pro bono opportunities, visit the Finding Pro Bono Opportunities page on [Stetson Connect](#).



## STETSON IMMIGRATION LAW FELLOWSHIP

**FALL 2025**

**Position:** Immigration Law Fellow

**Location:** Tampa Law Center, Stetson University College of Law  
1700 N. Tampa Street Tampa, FL 33602

**Supervising Entity:** Americans for Immigrant Justice (AI Justice)

### Law Fellow Position Description:

Stetson Law and 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 direct legal services, and education.

### Fellow Responsibilities:

- Conduct intakes, legal research, and assist in drafting filings.
- Support immigration relief applications (e.g., asylum, TPS, family petitions).
- Assist in drafting personal declarations and court documents.
- Participate in legal clinics, immigration appointments, Know Your Rights presentations, and rapid response outreach.
- Receive training from AI Justice attorneys and Stetson faculty.
- Visit detention centers and attend hearings, subject to availability.

### Requirements & Qualifications:

- Current enrollment at Stetson University College of Law, expressed commitment to immigration advocacy, and ability to work five (5) hours per week, with a maximum of twenty (20) hours per month.
- Fellow(s) will receive pro bono hours that will count towards their graduation requirements.
- Work will primarily occur at Tampa Law Center, Stetson University College of Law, 1700 N. Tampa Street, Tampa, FL 33602, under direction and supervision of AI Justice attorneys and staff.
- Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Kreyol preferred.
- Ability to pass background check, including FBI, statewide repository, and sex offender registry check.

### Send Resume & Cover Letter to:

Email: [careers@aijustice.org](mailto:careers@aijustice.org)

Subject Line: 2025 Fall Stetson Immigration Law Fellowship



### About AI Justice:

Founded in 1996, AI Justice is an award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the human rights of immigrants.

### On Campus Point of Contact:

Michael Vastine | Visiting Professor of Law  
[mvastine@law.stetson.edu](mailto:mvastine@law.stetson.edu)

Location: Clinical & Experiential Learning House

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## SPRING 2026 OPPORTUNITIES (2L/3L)

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### **FLORIDA SUPREME COURT FELLOWS PROGRAM - SPRING 2026**

This program provides law students a unique opportunity to learn about the operation of Florida's highest court and gain experience as future lawyers and leaders in their communities. Fellows will work as an intern to an individual justice, a central staff intern working for all the justices, an intern working with the clerk of court and the administrative justice, or as an intern for the Office of the State Courts Administrator General Counsel. Applicants must be classified as a 3L, or second semester, 2L during their time in the program and be in the top 25 percent of their class. Fellows receive \$15.75 per hour, will work up to 20 hours/week, and must reside in the Tallahassee area during the program. Applications are due **Sept. 30**.

### **FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - SPRING INTERNSHIP**

The Attorney General serves as the attorney for the State of Florida and as a member of the Florida cabinet. Interning for the Office of the Attorney General affords law students an opportunity to gain practical experience in a legal field and offers students a chance to perform meaningful work toward the completion of their degree. Students must be able to intern a minimum of 20 hours per week. Interested students are directed to complete and submit an application packet prior to **Oct. 31**; however, students are encouraged to apply early as applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Law students who are not receiving academic credit are eligible to receive legal pro bono credit towards the graduation requirement.

### **FEDERAL DEFENDER, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - SPRING INTERNSHIP**

Student interns may conduct legal research, draft motions, memoranda, and assist with appellate briefs and/or habeas corpus petitions. The student may also assist with trial prep and investigation/mitigation, to include interviewing clients and witnesses, visiting clients in local jails facilities, and helping the attorneys plan case strategies. This opportunity is a non-paid position and eligible for legal pro bono credit, provided the student is not receiving academic credit for their work. The deadline to submit an application is **Nov. 30**. There are a limited number of placements available in each division: Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Fort Myers, and Ocala.

### **USAO MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEER, SPRING 2026**

The USAO's Middle District Office is located in Tampa, with branch offices in Orlando, Jacksonville, Fort Myers, and Ocala. Law student volunteer assignments include, drafting responsive motions, dispositive motions, memorandum of law, and appellate briefs. In addition, interns may attend dispositions, meetings with Agents and accompany attorneys to observe court proceedings. Practice areas include Appellate Litigation, Civil Litigation, and Criminal Litigation. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 3**. This opportunity is eligible for legal pro bono credit towards the graduation requirement.

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## SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

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

This employer is seeking applications from law students for their Summer Intern positions in Bartow, Wauchula, and Sebring, FL. Interns gain hands-on exposure to every facet of practicing criminal defense. Opportunities include: client contact, investigations, observing court hearings and jury trials, shadowing experienced attorneys, strategizing defenses and legal research and writing. The deadline for student bidding is Sept. 10. To view additional information and apply for this opportunity visit the OCI tab on Symplicity.

### **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. Apply by **Sept. 30**. Interested students can apply directly through [SPLC's website](#). 1Ls and 2Ls eligible to apply.

### **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. Applications will be accepted from 1Ls and 2Ls.

### **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](#).

### **FLORIDA JUSTICE INSTITUTE - SPRING & SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

FJI uses impact litigation and advocacy to improve the lives of Florida's disenfranchised residents and underserved communities while focusing on preserving human rights in the justice system, empowering vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness and poverty, and providing dignity for people with disabilities. FJI welcomes applications from law students interested in civil rights litigation and advocacy to work with FJI as interns, both for the summer and during the school semester. Applications are accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

### **FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION - SUMMER FELLOWS PROGRAM**

This program places 1L and 2L students in summer internship positions in prosecutor offices across the country. Participating students will have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience working on criminal cases and other assignments typical of internships in prosecutor's offices, while also undertaking a policy reform project on an issue of interest to that office. Participating offices may include but are not limited to: Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA; Norfolk, VA; New York, NY; Dekalb County, GA; Boulder, CO; and more. Summer fellows receive a \$5,000 stipend. Applications from 2Ls considered on a rolling basis. Interested 1L students should ideally apply by Jan. 23.

\*For additional Public Interest Job Search Resources, visit the Public Interest Toolkit on [Stetson Connect](#).

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## POST-GRADUATE 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

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

This employer is seeking applications from 3Ls for Assistant Public Defender positions available in Bartow, Wauchula, and Sebring, FL. Student bidding ends on **Sept. 10**. Compensation starts at \$65,000 per year for new FL bar members, negotiable with experience. To view additional information and apply for this opportunity visit the OCI tab on Symplicity.

### **OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 19TH CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

This employer is seeking applications from 3Ls for Assistant Public Defender positions available in St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, and Okeechobee counties. Student bidding ends on **Sept. 15**. Entry-level salary starts at \$65,000 per year. To view additional information and apply for this opportunity visit the OCI tab on Symplicity.

### **OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY, 1ST CIRCUIT - ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS**

This employer is seeking applications from 3Ls graduating in May 2026 and taking the Florida Bar for entry-level positions available in Pensacola, FL; Milton, FL; Fort Walton Beach, FL; and DeFuniak Springs. Applicants must have a strong interest in courtroom litigation, with excellent communication and criminal thinking skills. Student bidding ends on **Sept. 30**. To view additional information and apply for this opportunity visit the OCI tab on Symplicity.

### **IF/WHEN/HOW '26-28 REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP (RFJP)**

RFJP is a 2-year fellowship program for emerging lawyers interested in gaining practical experience putting reproductive justice principles into direct legal service and action. Fellows will receive a \$75,000 annual salary and additional benefits, and will be placed at a selected placement organization. Placements available in: New York, NY; Austin, TX; and Oakland, CA. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a **rolling basis**. Applicants are encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible for consideration for all positions.

### **SOUTHERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER - ASSOCIATE ATTORNEYS**

SELC is accepting applications for Associate Attorney positions, including the Glynn D. Key Associate Attorney Fellowship, for start dates in early fall 2026. Associate Attorneys play a critical role in advancing SELC's program objectives through litigation and legal advocacy. Working closely with experienced attorneys, they gain valuable experience in state and federal courts and before regulatory agencies. Placements available in: Chapel Hill, NC; Charlottesville, VA; Nashville, TN; Charleston, SC; and Birmingham, AL. Applications due **Sept. 15**.

### **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.

\* To view additional postgrad opportunities, visit the Public Interest & Government Opportunities [Tracking Spreadsheet](#). Students applying to a fellowship/honors program should reach out to the Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono for guidance.



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## EVENTS

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### **A CONVERSATION WITH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY LARRY KRASNER**

During this lunch session, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner will discuss the criminal justice reform movement, progressive prosecution, and the opportunities for both internships and post-graduate positions that the Philadelphia DA's Office provides. This event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 12-1pm in the Mann Lounge.

Lunch will be provided for attendees, so please take a moment to RSVP. To help us accommodate any dietary needs, please note any food sensitivities when completing the [RSVP form](#). Please complete the form by Sunday, Sept. 7.

### **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, 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 the Calendar of Events on [Stetson Connect](#).

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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 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](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.

### **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.