

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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STETSON LAW PRO BONO FAIR

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SIXTH CIRCUIT LEGAL FAIR - LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bay Area Legal Services is seeking law student volunteers to assist with the Sixth Circuit Legal Fair. The Legal Fair will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23 from 11:00am-3:00pm at the Pinellas County Clerk's Office (315 Court Street, Floor 1) in Clearwater. Law student volunteers will assist attorney volunteers in providing guidance to members of the community on issues related to a wide range of practice areas, including family law, guardianship, bankruptcy/tax, personal injury, social security, civil litigation, elder law, foreclosure, labor and employment, and more. BALS could also use assistance with set up, administration during the day, and break down. Register to attend [here](#).

VETERANS LAW INSTITUTE - PRO BONO FAIR ACTIVITY

Stop by the Veterans Law Institute's table at the Pro Bono Fair co-hosted by the Office of Career & Professional Development and the Office of Clinical and Experiential Education to support homeless veterans by assembling care packages. Students will pack items such as socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snacks, soap, and other toiletries to provide essential support to veterans in need. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community while earning a 1/2 hour of non-legal pro bono, while supplies last. The Pro Bono Fair will take place in the Great Hall on October 23rd from 4:30-6:30. All students are welcome to participate! [Register here!](#)

VITA TAX LAW SOCIETY ORIENTATION/TRAINING

There is an on-campus, in-person Orientation and Training for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program with United Way Suncoast. Receive non-legal hours for training hours and legal hours for your time offering tax preparation assistance to low-to-moderate income populations. Volunteers learn how to prepare taxes while making a positive impact on the community. This event will take place on January 8 & 9 from 8:30AM-5:45PM. RSVP for this event on [Engage](#).

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

SPRING 2026 OPPORTUNITIES (2L/3L)

STETSON LAW CLINICS & EXTERNSHIPS - SPRING 2026

Stetson Law offers students more than 300 clinic and externship opportunities annually. Programs are designed to enhance classroom-based learning and give students opportunities to gain valuable, real-world experience while working closely with Stetson faculty. The application period for Spring 2026 opened Oct. 1st and closes **Oct. 29**. Students participating in one of Stetson's on-campus or field clinics receive 30 legal hours of pro bono upon successful completion. Apply [here](#).

VETERANS ADVOCACY CLINIC - SPRING 2026 (2L/3L)

The Veterans Advocacy Clinic assists veterans with navigating the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability benefits system. Students will engage in a range of tasks, including conducting intake and fact-finding interviews, analyzing complex cases, researching case law and medical literature, consulting with medical experts, investigating military records, preparing claims, and drafting briefs. Students will gain hands-on experience and develop skills necessary for any lawyer. Upon successful completion, students will earn 30 hours of legal pro bono credit. The deadline to apply for Spring 2026 is October 29th. Professional Responsibility is a prerequisite. [Apply Here!](#)

JACOBS PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CLINIC - SPRING 2026

The Jacobs Public Interest Law Clinic for Democracy and the Environment provides a much-needed public service of pro bono legal aid while affording Stetson's law students opportunities to represent clients with hands-on case management and the development of the advocacy skills necessary to be successful public interest attorneys. Students build research and writing skills through legal briefs, compliance, other court filings, policy positions, and model legislation. Additionally, students receive personalized mentorship and refine oral advocacy skills by interviewing clients, assisting with client counseling, and presenting to clients. As a clinic student, you can also access travel opportunities and receive 30 legal hours of pro bono upon successful completion. The deadline to apply for Spring 2026 is **Oct. 29**. No CLI required. [Apply here](#). Learn more about the Jacobs Clinic [here](#).

SOUTHERN LEGAL COUNSEL - SPRING CLERKSHIP

SLC is a FL statewide nonprofit public interest law firm committed to the ideal of equal justice for all and the attainment of basic human and civil rights. SLC primarily assists individuals and groups with public interest issues who would otherwise not have access to the justice system and whose cases may bring about systemic reform. Spring law clerks are expected to work at least ten hours/week. This position is unpaid and eligible for legal pro bono credit. Priority is given to applications received by **Oct. 24**. Clerk positions may be in person, remote, or hybrid. To learn more and apply, visit the Symplicity Jobs tab.

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES - SPRING INTERNSHIPS

BALS currently has open internship positions available for the spring semester within the family law team, based out of their Ybor Office. To apply, you must be a 2L or higher. BALS is seeking law students with a passion for public interest law and serving marginalized communities. Bilingual skills (Spanish) are a plus but not required. View additional information and learn how to apply [here](#). Applications accepted until position(s) filled. This position is unpaid and eligible for legal pro bono credit.

SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

NACA 2026 CONSUMER LAW FELLOWSHIP

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) are seeking motivated law students to apply to their Summer Consumer Law Fellowship Program. Interested students should arrange an internship position, contingent on funding, with a Legal Services of Public Interest Organization's consumer law unit or a private consumer law firm. Find NACA members expressly interested in hosting summer fellows here: [Potential Hosts](#). Other NACA members who qualify as summer fellow hosts can be found in their Find an Attorney Directory. The Program will pay an \$8,000 stipend to at least ten 1L or 2L students. Deadline to apply is **Feb. 15**.

VETERANS LAW INSTITUTE- SUMMER 2026 (Rising 2L/Rising 3L)

The Veterans Law Institute Summer Fellowship offers rising 2Ls and 3Ls the opportunity to gain hands-on experience assisting veterans with disability benefits claims and discharge upgrades. Fellows will complete tasks such as conducting intake interviews, researching case law and medical journals, and drafting claims. This fellowship provides valuable exposure to veterans' legal advocacy while earning 250 legal pro bono hours upon successful completion. Applications open in spring 2026 on Symplicity.

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**. Offers will be released on a rolling basis beginning Dec. 15. Applications will be accepted from 1Ls and 2Ls. Students can apply [here](#).

SUMMER 2026 ACLU-NBLA SOUTHERN LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

SLIP is a unique collaboration between the ACLU and the National Black Law Students Association. This summer internship will provide law students with invaluable experience working on impactful civil rights and social justice issues. Interns will be placed at ACLU affiliates in the 13 states of the Southern Collective, including Florida. Compensation is \$8,400. Candidates must be current students graduating no earlier than Dec. 2026; members of NBLA or a local BLSA chapter at your school; and have strong research and writing skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to civil rights and social justice. The priority deadline is Oct. 31, with the final deadline on **Nov. 28**. Apply [here](#).

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT - SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CJP is a movement lawyering organization that provides legal, policy, and capacity-building support to grassroots organizations throughout South Florida. Interns join CJP's team in Miami to work on a varied caseload, including policy advocacy, campaign strategy, direct representation, litigation, community education, arts and research. Over ten weeks, interns see first-hand the unique opportunities and challenges of implementing a movement lawyering approach in South Florida. Deadline to apply for 1L is **Nov. 10**.

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

SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM OF BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES - SUMMER CLERKSHIPS

BALS has begun recruiting for summer 2026 clerkships. They will have openings for paid clerkships in the following offices: Plant City, Dade City, the Advocacy department (ABLE) in Ybor, and the Family Law office in Ybor. Summer clerks gain hands-on experience in public interest law, receive mentorship and training, network with legal professionals, and make a meaningful impact in the lives of clients. Clerkships are limited to rising 3Ls or higher and recent graduates. Applications will be reviewed on a **rolling basis** and early submission is encouraged. Learn more details and how to apply [here](#).

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 10TH CIRCUIT - PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Interested in becoming a public defender after graduation, specifically in Central Florida? Apply for the 10th Circuit's paid summer internship program. Interns help draft motions, support trial teams, and contribute directly to case strategy. Positions are available for 1Ls and 2Ls. Compensation is at least \$20/hour. Applications accepted **until positions are filled**. To apply, visit Symplicity's Jobs tab.

JANET D. STEIGER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project provides law students with the opportunity to work in the consumer protection departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General and other consumer protection agencies, as well as the National Association of Attorneys General and the Attorney General's Office of DC. Each selected fellow will receive a \$6,000 stipend. Applications will be reviewed after the deadline date of **Nov. 28**. Learn how to apply, as well as locations that will receive Steiger Fellows during the summer of 2026 [here](#).

PEGGY BROWNING FUND SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

The Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship Program provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related not-for-profit organizations, union-side law firms, and other nonprofit organizations. It is a ten-week summer fellowship and is available to current 1L, 2L, & 3E law students. PBF recruits interested students and works closely with their mentor (host) organizations to ensure that each fellow will experience unique and challenging work assignments. The 2nd round of the program, now open to 1Ls, will open Nov. 6. Offers will be extended on a rolling basis starting on Dec. 6. The total stipend payment is \$7,000 (unless otherwise indicated). Learn more [here](#).

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**.

POST-GRADUATE 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 20TH CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

This employer is seeking applications from 3Ls for a Full-Time position. The Office serves Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties in Southwest FL. They are the primary prosecuting agency in the circuit, with over 100 ASA, and a total staff of approximately 300 employees. The starting entry level salary for an ASA is \$79,000. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the OCI tab on Symplicity. The deadline to apply is **Nov. 3**.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 1ST CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

This employer is accepting applications from graduating students for entry-level positions. entry level annual salary for ASAs start at \$75,000. Applicants must have a strong interest in courtroom litigation, with excellent communication and critical thinking skills. Prosecutors are in court frequently, manage a criminal docket, and prosecute numerous trials. Training and mentoring are provided by senior attorneys. Positions are based in Pensacola, FL. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the Jobs tab on Symplicity.

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

This employer is accepting applications from 3Ls interested in joining their office and contributing to their mission of upholding justice and serving the community. As a member of their team, you will have the opportunity to work on meaningful cases, be in the courtroom on most days, collaborate with experienced professionals, and make a positive impact in the legal field. The starting entry level salary for an ASA is \$75,000. Positions based in Sarasota, FL. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the Jobs tab on Symplicity.

JUVENILE LAW CENTER - ZUBROW FELLOWSHIP

The Zubrow Fellowship in Children's Law is a 2-year fellowship in children's law. Zubrow fellows take on a variety of legal tasks and gain a comprehensive understanding of issues in the child welfare and justice systems. Fellows co-author groundbreaking reports, help pass legislative and executive reforms, and participate in major litigation. Applicants should have graduated or anticipate graduating law school or a dual degree program in law between 2024-2026. This position is based in Philadelphia, PA. Applications are due **Jan 16**.

NACA 2-YEAR CONSUMER LAW FELLOWSHIP

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) is offering two 2-year consumer law fellowships to upcoming law school graduates who are expected to sit for the July 2026 Bar exam. You can review a list of approved host organizations and projects [here](#). They will also consider other NACA member host organization-private firm partnerships that an applicant identifies, subject to NACA's approval. All completed applications must be received by **Jan. 15**.

PUBLIC RIGHTS PROJECT - 2026/2027 LEGAL FELLOW

PRP is a public interest legal nonprofit, headquartered in Oakland, with a remote team based throughout the U.S. Their mission is to help local government officials fight for civil rights. PRP seeks to hire one or more fellows for a one-year fellowship, beginning September 2026. There is a strong preference for 3Ls, judicial law clerks, and applicants with only 1-2 years of experience. This is a fully remote organization and team; however, the role may require travel a few times a year to PRP events or meetings. PRP will begin reviewing applications on **Oct. 20** and will review applications received after that on a rolling basis until position filled.

POST-GRADUATE 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

LAWYERING PROJECT - LITIGATION FELLOW (2026-28)

The Lawyering Project is a legal advocacy organization that blends traditional impact litigation with movement lawyering to promote reproductive health, rights, and justice throughout the U.S. The Litigation Fellow will play a vital role in supporting the Lawyering Project's Program. They will participate in all aspects of litigation, from case development through appeal. Additionally, they will help to provide legal advice and technical assistance to clients. This position may be based anywhere within the U.S. Deadline to apply is **Jan. 2**.

LEGAL SERVICES NYC - FALL 2026 RIGHT TO COUNSEL LAW GRADUATES

LSNYC seeks law graduates and/or staff attorneys to join their Fall 2026 Right to Counsel (RTC) attorneys as they continue to implement NYC's Right to Counsel law. Attorneys within the housing unit are engaged in cutting edge litigation, in court, every single day, helping build tenant power and prevent evictions for tens of thousands of New Yorkers every day. Attorneys will develop expertise in housing court practice and perform community outreach. The salary range for 1-10 years of experience is \$88,181-\$113,737. The anticipated start date for this position will be Sept. 2026. Applications accepted **until positions filled**.

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS - LITIGATION FELLOW

The Center for Reproductive Rights is a global human rights organization working to ensure that reproductive rights are protected in law as fundamental human rights worldwide. The Center seeks two attorneys to join the Center's U.S. Litigation Unit as Litigation Fellows. Fellows will participate in impact litigation on reproductive rights in federal and state courts to improve access to non-discriminatory, high quality reproductive health care. This position will be based in the Center's NYC of Washington, DC offices. This is a full-time, 2-year fellowship beginning in Fall 2026. Applications will be accepted **until positions filled**.

LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA - POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, LANC hires postgraduate fellows to assist in its field offices and statewide projects. Fellows are attorneys who carry caseloads and provide direct representation to clients. Positions are one or two years, and service typically begins in September, after the fellow passes the NC State Bar Exam. The current annual salary is \$58,500 once fellows are licensed and sworn in. Applications accepted on a **rolling basis** until positions filled.

NAPABA LAW FOUNDATION COMMUNITY LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The NAPABA Law Foundation Community Law Fellowship Program was launched to address the need for attorneys working on behalf of the Asian Pacific American populations. The fellowship provides an opportunity for a new attorney to gain substantive experience at a nonprofit, national, or community-based organization during the 2-year fellowship period. The program requires a 2-year commitment from the fellow and host organization, running from Sept. 2026 through Aug. 2028. Optional one-page prospectus and resume is due **Dec. 1** and the final application is due **Feb. 15**.

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MIAMI-DADE STATE ATTORNEYS OFFICE LUNCH & LEARN

Learn more about the Miami State Attorney Office's Smart Justice approach to criminal justice during this lunchtime session. Attendees will also learn about the Miami-Dade's SAO Academy, taking place during spring break. Past opportunities in the SAO Academy have included court observations, the chance to learn about the different divisions within the office, direct victim services, and exposure to other areas of the office. All time spent volunteering with Miami-Dade SAO will count as legal pro bono. 1Ls are eligible to participate in the Academy. This presentation will take place in FR Courtroom on **Oct. 23** at noon. Food will be provided. Register to attend [here](#).

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2025 WILD WEST BENCH & BAR-B-QUE

On Friday, **Nov. 14** the St. Pete Bar will be hosting their Bench & Bar event on Stetson Law's Gulfport Campus, from noon to 5:00pm, with a reception beginning at 6:00pm. Participating students are invited to attend the bar-b-que, the plenary session, and can choose from any of the breakout sessions. While the cost for students to attend is \$55, OCPD will cover the cost for the first 30 students who reach out to sign up. Please note that any students that commit to attend but fail to show will be expected to reimburse the cost to attend. For more information and to request a ticket, please contact Stephanie Storke at ssorke@law.stetson.edu. Spots are limited and expected to fill up quickly.

* To view OCPD events for the 2025-2026 year, visit the Calendar of Events on [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.

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) 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.