

PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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2026 FFLA CIVIL LEGAL AID SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Funding Florida Legal Aid is now accepting applications for their Civil Legal Aid Summer Fellowship Program! Selected fellows gain valuable legal service experience at a Florida non-profit legal service organization for a 1-week full-time paid summer fellowship. Stipends for students are \$9,000. The deadline to apply is November 7 at 11:45 pm. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Have questions or would like feedback on your application materials? Contact Stephanie Storke, Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at ssstorke@law.stetson.edu.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIE /EVENTS

BAY AREA LEGAL SERVICES - FAMILY FORMS CLINIC

The Family Forms Clinic is a free program that provides forms assistance to people representing themselves in family law cases in Hillsborough County. Family law cases include divorce and equitable distribution, paternity, timesharing, paternal responsibility, custody, child support, alimony, adoption, and name change cases. The clinic is held at the George Edgecomb Courthouse (800 E Twiggs Street, Room 210) in Tampa. In October, the clinic will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Sign-up here: <https://forms.gle/pqp33E5NdD6Rnz7S6>

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. Law student volunteers will likely need to arrive before 11:00am. To express interest in this opportunity, please contact Stephanie Storke, Associate Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at ssstorke@law.stetson.edu.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT PRO BONO

During National Pro Bono Week, OCPD will partner with Future Lawyers for Advocacy and Philanthropy to host a session on Stetson Law's Pro Bono Graduation Requirement. This session will walk students through how to find and report qualifying opportunities, what kinds of work count for credit, and how to start building their pro bono portfolio. They'll also hear about ways pro bono work can complement or help them achieve their career goals. This event will take place Oct. 20 from 12-1pm in the Mann Lounge.

STETSON LAW PRO BONO FAIR

On Thursday, Oct. 23 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Great Hall, come meet public interest and public sector attorneys from around 30 organizations and agencies in-person! Stetson Law's Pro Bono Fair is an opportunity for students to network and talk with organizations about pro bono work, summer employment, academic year placements, and other career opportunities. This Fair will be an in-person, table-talk format. Food will also be provided, so come by, grab a bite, and make connections. This event is co-hosted by the Office of Career & Professional Development and the Office of Clinical and Experiential Education. [Register here.](#)

*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 experiences allow students to observe and participate in the application of substantive law, and find solutions to problems that confront attorneys on a daily basis. 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](#). If you have any questions, email clinicaled@law.stetson.edu.

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](#).

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.

FLORIDA JUSTICE INSTITUTE - SPRING 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**.

SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

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-NBSA 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 NBSA 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](#).

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. Candidates must be current law students (2L or higher) interested in law and social justice. Applications will be reviewed on a **rolling basis** and early submission is encouraged. Learn more details and how to apply by viewing the posting under Symplicity's Jobs tab.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES - SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

This employer is seeking applications from 2Ls for their spring and summer internship opportunities. Attorneys for Children's Legal Services represent the people of the State of Florida, through DCF, advocating for the best interests of Florida's children in dependency proceedings. Although this is an unpaid internship, students can receive legal pro bono hours towards the graduation requirement. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the OCI tab on Symplicity. Students must apply by **Oct. 12**.

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 2L is **Oct. 10** and 1L is **Nov. 10**.

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

SUMMER 2026 OPPORTUNITIES

BROWARD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - SUMMER CLERKSHIPS

This employer is considering 1Ls and 2Ls for their Summer Law Clerk positions for their office in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Broward County Attorney's Office offers an eight-week Summer Clerkship Program for law students interested in working on transactional, litigation, or regulatory matters on behalf of local government. Ideal candidates have a strong academic record, are intellectually curious, enjoy working as part of a team, and demonstrate excellent research and writing skills. Compensation is \$36/hour. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the OCI tab on Symplicity. Students must apply by **Oct. 5**.

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY - SUMMER 2026 LEGAL CLERK

TWS is seeking current 2Ls for a paid summer 2026 law clerk position. The position is part of TWS' legal team, which focuses on leveraging law and policy to defend and protect important landscapes and wildlands, ensure the benefits of public lands are shared equitably, and strengthen bedrock conservation laws and policies. The clerk(s) will conduct legal and policy research and analysis that will help advance conservation campaigns and legal strategies. This position is remote eligible and compensation is \$22/hour. Applications must be received by **Oct. 13** at 5pm PDT.

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**.

JOHN J. CURTIN, JR. JUSTICE FUND 2026 FELLOWSHIP

The Curtin Justice Fund Fellowship is seeking motivated law student interns to apply for stipends available for the Summer Fellowship. These students should have a position offered, contingent on funding, from a qualified organization. The Fellowship will pay a \$3,500 stipend to three law students who spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless or indigent clients or their advocates. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through **March 27**.

ADVOCATES FOR TRANS EQUALITY - SUMMER '26 INTERNSHIP

Advocates for Trans Equality is a national organization committed to advancing justice and equity for transgender and non-binary people through impact litigation, direct legal services, advocacy, and public education. This summer internship is an opportunity to play a role in the movement for transgender rights. Summer interns will primarily assist the impact litigation and Trans Health Project teams with legal research and writing, direct representation, policy advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, and client intake. This position is remote and compensation is \$17/hour.

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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, 15TH CIRCUIT - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

This employer is seeking applications from 3Ls for their entry-level ASA opportunity with a start date of August 2026. The position involves trial litigation representing the State of Florida in Criminal matters involving misdemeanor and felony offenses within Palm Beach County, FL. An ASA is responsible for advocating the State's position in all court hearings, trials, and sentencings. The current starting salary for an ASA is \$73,000 per year. To view more information and learn how to apply, visit the OCI tab on Symplicity. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 7**.

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.

SEIU NORM GLEICHMAN LAW FELLOWSHIP

The Legal Department of the Service Employees International Union has two openings for law fellows, starting in Sept. 2026. The program was established to introduce law graduates to a broad range of legal work within an international union, and offers an excellent opportunity for new lawyers to work with experienced union-side lawyers on a variety of issues relating to the advancement of workers' interests. The fellowship is based in Washington, DC, and is for a term of up to 2 years. 3Ls are welcome to apply. The application is on a rolling basis and will close on **Oct. 17**.

GEORGETOWN LAW - E BARRETT PRETTYMAN FELLOWSHIP

The Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic, Criminal Justice Clinic, and Juvenile Justice Clinic offer a postgraduate 2-year fellowship. Three fellows are selected annually. Fellows spend 2 years in the program, after which they are awarded an LLM degree in Advocacy. During the first year, fellows try cases and develop their public defense skills under close faculty supervision in the criminal clinics. During the summer, they take classes in clinical teaching and supervision and begin to develop their skills as clinical teachers. Fellows receive a stipend of \$70,000 in the first year and \$75,000 in the second. Applicants must have completed their JD degree by Spring 2026. Deadline to apply is **Oct. 6**.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE - LEGAL FELLOWSHIP

EJI is a nonprofit law office and human rights organization providing legal assistance to people sentenced to death, children in the criminal justice system, people wrongly convicted or sentenced, and incarcerated people suffering inhumane conditions of confinement. They advocate for more hopeful solutions to the violence, powerlessness, and despair that plague many marginalized communities. EJI is offering a fully funded 2-year fellowship for law school graduates beginning in Fall 2026. The deadline to apply is **Nov. 6**.

EVENTS

PUBLIC INTEREST RESUME & 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. [Register here.](#)

PUBLIC INTEREST JOB SEARCH 101

This session will introduce students to key resources, job timelines, and strategies for identifying meaningful opportunities with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and legal aid providers, including summer internships, academic year placements, and post-graduate opportunities. This event will take place Oct. 16 from 12:05-12:55 p.m. in FR Courtroom. [Register here.](#)

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.](#)

- The deadline for prescheduled interviews closed 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.

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* 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 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.

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](http://www.psjd.org) (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.