PUBLIC INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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

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LOOKING FOR PUBLIC INTEREST OPPORTUNITIES?

The opportunities listed in this monthly newsletter represent just some of the opportunities available to law students at public interest organizations and government agencies, including several that may be counted towards the pro bono graduation requirement. For a comprehensive search, students should regularly check job search sites such as those listed on page 9 of this newsletter. Students are also encouraged to reach out to OCPD's Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, Stephanie Storke, at sstorke@law.stetson.edu for individualized guidance.

SPRING 2027 OPPORTUNITIES

STETSON IMMIGRATION LAW FELLOWSHIP - SPRING 2027

Americans for Immigrant Justice invites students to join their Family Defense and Children's Legal Programs. Fellows work remotely, with in-person meetings available at the campus office in Tampa. Fellows receive legal pro bono and work a minimum, of 5 hrs/week. Apply ASAP (interviews and screening may take several weeks). Learn more here.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LASOCBA)

LASOCBA's remote intake project trains volunteers to make calls to people who have reached out needing legal assistance. 12-week commitment required and day and evening opportunities are available. Volunteers can receive legal pro bono hrs. Learn more here.

LASOCBA - SPRING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows gain hands-on experience by splitting time between legal aid work and private practice. Compensation depends on the number of hours worked, with a minimum stipend of $3,000 for 160 hours. Apply ASAP (interviewing and screening can take several weeks). Email sstorke@law.stetson.edu for additional details and application instructions.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - LAW CLERK SPRING 2027

The Florida & Caribbean office seeks a Law Clerk with a demonstrated interest in public interest environmental law. The position is remote with in-person opportunities in the Tampa Bay area. Compensation is $19.61/hour. Position will remain open until filled. Learn more and apply here.

FEDERAL DEFENDER MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - LEGAL INTERNSHIP

Legal interns receive hands-on experience in defending federal criminal cases. This opportunity is unpaid, but interns may seek legal pro bono hours. Apply by 11/30/26. Learn more here.

ACLU OF FLORIDA - IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS LEGAL INTERNSHIP

2L students are invited to apply for a Spring internship with the ACLU of Florida's Immigrants' Rights team. This is an unpaid internship that requires a minimum commitment of 10 weeks. The deadline to submit applications is 11/20/26. Learn more here.

SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL - SPRING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Interns have the opportunity to attend oral argument, discuss cases with the assigned judge and staff attorneys, and assist in the drafting of court orders or opinions. Internships are unpaid. For internships beginning in Spring, applications close Nov. 30. Learn more here.

EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA (EJA) - SPRING FELLOWSHIPS

EJA offers fellowships for qualifying law students who provide free legal services at a civil legal aid or civil rights organization during Spring. Fellowships will pay up to $2,000, depending on funding availability. To receive the full grant, students are expected to work at least 100 hrs. Applications reviewed on rolling basis until 1/15/27. Learn more here.

SUMMER 2027 OPPORTUNITIES

ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SUMMER CLERKSHIPS

Clerkships are fully remote and opportunities are available in the Pro Bono, Legislative Affairs, Criminal Justice, and Litigation programs. Compensation is $20/hour and clerks must work 35 hrs/week for 10 weeks. Apply by 11/20/26. Learn more and apply here.

ACLU - NBLSA SOUTHERN LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Summer internships are offered at 13 Southern affiliates, including FL. Interns work on social justice issues affecting Black and Brown communities and are paid $8,400 for full-time, 10-week positions. Final deadline to apply is 11/22/26. Learn more and apply here.

PEGGY BROWNING FUND SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Fellows advance the cause of workers' rights by working with select labor unions, worker centers, union-side firms, or other nonprofits. Fellows receive a minimum stipend of $700/week. Offers will begin to be extended starting 12/5/26. Learn more here.

ACLU OF FLORIDA - SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIP

The ACLU of Florida invites 2L students to apply. This internship may be based in the Miami or Tallahassee office (space permitting), or remotely within FL. The initial deadline is 12/7/26. Compensation is at a rate of $800/week for 10 weeks. Learn more here.

AKIN'S PRO BONO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Rising 2Ls split their summer between Akin and a public interest organization. 2027 1L and 2028 2L applications are now open for Dallas and Houston offices. Applications for Boston, Chicago, LA, New York, DC, and Philadelphia open 12/15/26. Learn more here.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, 20TH CIRCUIT (PD20) - LEGAL INTERNSHIP

PD20 (Ft. Myers, FL) is seeking qualified applicants for internship positions. Compensated positions ($18/hour) are limited and early applicants, CLIs, and 3L candidates will be given priority. Deadline to apply is 12/30/26. Learn more here.

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG) - HAYWOOD BURNS MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships must be completed with NLG aligned organizations or law firms whose mission is in line with the Guild's commitment to prioritize people and ecosystems over property interests. Fellows expected to receive $3,000 for 10 weeks of full-time work. Secure a host organization and apply by 1/5/27. Learn more here.

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SUMMER 2027 OPPORTUNITIES

PLAINTIFFS' PATHWAY MASON GIBBS FELLOWSHIP

1L Fellows are placed in participating firms and have the opportunity to help consumers, workers, investors, and survivors hold some of the largest corporations in the country accountable for misconduct. Benefits include a 10-week paid summer position, a stipend for law school tuition, and more. Applications open 11/16/26. Learn more and apply here.

JANET D. STEIGER FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

Fellows work in the consumer protection departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorney General and other consumer protection agencies. Each selected student will receive a $6,000 stipend. Deadline to apply is 11/30/26. Learn more and apply here.

SUMMER 2027 SEC SCHOLARS LEGAL PROGRAM (VOLUNTEER)

Interns may support litigation, assist with drafting new regulations, and help with reviews, exams, or public outreach. The program is unpaid. Various divisions and offices, including Miami, are seeking student volunteers. Apply by 12/14/26 on USAJOBS.

JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (JIOP)

Judicial internships available in several locations, including Miami, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale. Students receive a $2,000 stipend. Applications accepted on a rolling basis with final deadline of 1/8/27. Learn more and apply here.

US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - LAW CLERK INTERN

Interns are assigned to one of the Offices and Divisions, including the Criminal, Civil, and Appellate Divisions. Locations include Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, and Ft. Pierce. Positions are unpaid. Apply by 1/9/27. Learn more here.

FAIR AND JUST PROSECUTION (FJP) SUMMER FELLOWS PROGRAM

FJP places students in select prosecution offices throughout the country. Fellows receive a $5,000 stipend. Applications from 2Ls considered on a rolling basis (ideally apply by 12/18/16). Interested 1Ls should ideally apply by 1/22/27. Learn more here.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (SAO6) - SUMMER INTERNSHIP

SAO6 is offering a paid summer internship for law students interested in public service, the legal field, and making a difference in their community. Locations include Clearwater, Dade City, and New Port Richey. Apply by 1/31/27. Learn more here.

NACA CONSUMER LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Applicants should arrange an internship position, contingent on funding, with a NACA member Public Interest Organization's consumer law unit or a private consumer law firm. Fellows receive a $10,000 stipend, with funding available for both virtual and in-person internships. Deadline to apply is 2/1/27. Learn more and apply here.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER (SPLC) - BRIAN K. FAIR FELLOWSHIP

This is a 2-year fellowship which begins in Aug. 2027. Fellows rotate through SPLC's Advocacy and Litigation Impact Teams, gain hands-on experience supporting litigation and advocacy efforts, and engage directly with communities across the Deep South. Minimum starting salary is $81,197. Apply by 11/30/26 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Learn more here.

JUVENILE LAW CENTER - SOL & HELEN ZUBROW FELLOWSHIP IN CHILDREN'S LAW

This 2-year fellowship in children's law begins Sept. 2027. Fellows co-author reports, help pass legislative and executive reforms, and participate in litigation. Candidates with the ability to work in Philadelphia at least 2 days/week preferred, but remote candidates will be considered. Salary is $67,000/year plus benefits. Apply by 1/8/27. Learn more here.

JUVENILE LAW CENTER - DANIEL SEGAL LEGAL ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP

This is an 18-month fellowship in children's law which begins between March and Aug. 2027. The Fellow will engage in policy research and advocacy, impact litigation, appellate and amicus advocacy, and more. Salary is $67,000/year plus benefits. The position may be remote or in person. Apply by 12/8/26. Learn more here.

IMPACT FOR EQUITY - POLIKOFF-GAUTREAUX FELLOWSHIP

This 2-year fellowship begins Fall 2027. Fellows are integrated into Impact for Equity's staff as attorneys and policy analysts. Fellows are assigned to either the Criminal Legal System or Housing programs. This position is hybrid and Fellows must be able to commute to the Chicago office at least 2 days/week. Apply by 11/30/26. Learn more here.

BROWN GOLDSTEIN & LEVY - 2027 DISABILITY RIGHTS FELLOW

This is a 1-2-year fellowship in Baltimore, MD available to law school graduates with a disability and will begin Sept. 2027. Applicants should have strong academic credentials, excellent writing skills, and a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of disability rights. Salary is $103,000-$115,000. Applications accepted until filled. Learn more here.

NATIONAL CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY & THE LAW FELLOWSHIP IN NONPROFIT LAW

This program permits a Fellow to spend a year in residence at a nonprofit organization. The 2027 Fellow will work closely with senior staff and staff attorneys at Lawyers Alliance for New York. The Fellowship will commence in Sept. 2027. Salary is $75,000 plus benefits. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Learn more here.

NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER (NIJC) - SCHREIBER FELLOWSHIPS

NIJC Fellows provide legal representation to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers for 2 years. Fellows' geographic location will be at one of NIJC's offices in Chicago, Indiana, San Diego, or Washington, DC, which will be determined based upon the needs of NIJC and applications received. Applications for Fall 2027 open Dec. 2026. Learn more here.

VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HONORS FELLOWSHIP

Applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and plan to take the July 2027 Virginia Bar Exam. Compensation is $70,000 and upon passing the bar Fellows will be automatically promoted to Assistant Attorney General with a salary increase. Deadline to apply is 11/15/26. Learn more here.

ILLINOIS SOLICITOR GENERAL APPELLATE & SUPREME COURT LITIGATION FELLOWS

The Illinois Solicitor General is seeking one or more recent law school graduates to serve in a 1-year Fellowship in Chicago, IL. Applicants must plan to take the Illinois Bar exam prior to beginning the Fellowship, which will begin in Aug./Sept. 2027. Applicants encouraged to apply by 11/20/26. Learn more here.

ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE - PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION FELLOW

The Public Interest Division in Chicago, IL is seeking one or more recent law school graduates to serve as a Public Interest Fellow for 1-2 years. The Division brings affirmative litigation to protect the rights and interests of Illinois residents and defends state laws. The Fellowship will begin in Aug./Sept. 2027. Apply by 11/20/26. Learn more here.

NEW MEXICO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HONORS PROGRAM

This is a 1-year Honors Program that begins Fall 2027. The program is open to law students graduating by Spring 2027. Participants work in one of the office's divisions within Affirmative Litigation, Civil Affairs, Criminal Affairs, and Civil & Criminal Appeals. Deadline to apply is 2/1/27. Learn more here.

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STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 17TH CIRCUIT (SAO17) - ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS

SAO17 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) is accepting applications for Assistant State Attorney positions. Applicants must possess a strong interest in being a trial lawyer and have excellent communication and critical thinking skills. Starting salary for this position is $80,000, plus benefits. Learn more and apply here.

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, 1ST CIRCUIT (SAO1) - ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS

SAO1 (Pensacola, FL) is seeking applications for Assistant State Attorneys (ASAs). Students who will take the FL Bar can apply for a Law Clerk position. Salary for ASAs is $80,000, with Law Clerks starting at $60,000. Students may apply through Stetson's Recruiting and Interviewing Program.

FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL - CHAMBERS TERM LAW CLERK

The Fourth District Court of Appeal (West Palm Beach, FL) is seeking to hire a Chambers' Term Law Clerk with an anticipated start of Aug. 2027. If accepted for employment, a law school graduate must take and pass the FL Bar Exam as a condition of employment. Applications accepted until position is filled. Learn more here.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - TERM LAW CLERK

A Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida is accepting applications for a Term Law Clerk. The position is based in Pensacola, FL and the preferred start date is Aug. 2027. Application open until the position is filled. Learn more here, including qualifications and requirements.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - TERM LAW CLERK

A Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida is accepting applications for a Term Law Clerk. The position is based in West Palm Beach, Florida and the anticipated start date is Aug./Sept. 2027. Application open until the position is filled. Learn more here, including qualifications and requirements.

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA - TERM LAW CLERK

A Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida is accepting applications for a Term Law Clerk. The position is based in Tampa, FL with a start date of Aug. 2027. Application open until the position is filled. Learn more here, including qualifications and requirements.

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY (LAS) - ENTRY-LEVEL ATTORNEY POSITIONS FALL 2027

LAS (New York, NY) is accepting applications for entry-level staff attorney positions for Fall 2027. Positions are available in the Criminal Defense Practice, Parole Revocation Defense Unit, and Criminal Appeals Bureau. Applications reviewed on rolling basis until 12/2/26. Applicants must plan to sit for the NYS bar exam. Apply here.

Legal Internship Opportunities with U.S. Department of Justice Components and U.S. Attorneys' Offices (three chances to attend)
Details: Hosted by the Department's Office of Adjudication, Recruitment, & Management
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 (12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
Register Here
Webinar Password: VLIPWebinar27
Access Code (if needed) 2827 954 5588

OR
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 (3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
Register Here
Webinar Password: VLIPWebinar26
Access Code (if needed): 2821 138 4014

OR
Thursday, November 19, 2026 (1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Register Here
Webinar Password: VLIPWebinar26
Access Code (if needed): 2819 431 2512
Call-in number: +1-202-600-2533 | Access Code: Listed Above

The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
Thursday, November 19, 2026 (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Speaker: Accredited Financial Counselor from AccessLex Institute
Register Here

How to Be a Civil Rights Lawyer
Thursday, November 19, 2026 (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
Details: Webinar Sponsored by the ABA's Judicial Division
Register Here

The Clerk Life Chose Me: Career Clerks and Staff Attorneys
Tuesday, December 1, 2026 (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Details: Webinar Sponsored by the ABA's Judicial Division
Register Here

No Family Playbook: Navigating the Unwritten Rules of Law Practice for First-Generation Lawyers
Thursday, December 17, 2026 (12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Details: Webinar Sponsored by the ABA's Law Student Division
Register Here

RESOURCES

Symplicity
The Office of Career & Professional Development offers career advising, including resume and cover letter review, job search tools, mock interviews, and 1:1 coaching. Contact Stephanie Storke, Director of Public Interest Careers & Pro Bono, at sstorke@law.stetson.edu, for public interest career and pro bono advising.

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.

Stetson Law Pro Bono
This site provides information on the 60-hour pro bono requirement, as well as information on how to report hours and find opportunities. If you have volunteered with a public interest organization or government agency, be sure to log your hours in GivePulse. Log at least 120 hrs to be eligible to receive the William F. Blews Award.

Sign up for PSJD.org
The Public Service Jobs Directory (PSJD) connects law students and attorneys with public interest opportunities. PSJD also offers an online library of resources for those interested in pursuing a career in public service. Visit www.psjd.org and register for free as a Stetson Law student and search for opportunities.

Public Interest Law Section (PILS)
PILS provides an organization open to all with an interest in protecting and expanding the rights of those under-represented in the legal process. PILS regularly offers trainings and webinars to support the professional development of public interest attorneys. Membership is free for law students. Complete this Form to join.

AccessLex Institute
Search through AccessLex's Law School Scholarship Databank, which lists hundreds of writing competitions and scholarship opportunities throughout the year, including bar study scholarships. AccessLex also regularly hosts webinars on Public Service Loan Forgiveness. Search the Scholarship Databank here.