

# In Your Interest

*News and information for the public interest and public service community*

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*Share your internship experience with other students.*

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*Access student evaluations of internships. (Requires BLS username and password.)*

## Welcome

Greetings to the classes of 2010 and 2011, and welcome back to the rest of you. The Public Service Programs Office (PSP Office) is busy scheduling speakers and events on current issues in the public interest legal arena (issues in civil rights, immigration, and the like), and panels and programs to help you explore public interest opportunities (for both internships and longer term careers). We are also here and eager to talk to you about how public interest fits into your particular political, intellectual and career goals, and how to realize them. Call or email Danielle Atkins at 718-780-7963 or [danielle.atkins@brooklaw.edu](mailto:danielle.atkins@brooklaw.edu) to make an appointment.

We look forward to meeting new students, and to seeing returning students at any or all of the events below, and at individual meetings in the PSP Office.

## PSP Office Staff

At BLS since September 2001, Director **Elizabeth Kane** comes to Brooklyn Law School after running a small non-profit and litigating on behalf of tenants and others with limited means for 16 years. For part time Administrative Assistant **Tara Thierry**, working at the PSP Office is "daylighting." At night, Tara turns into a musician playing bass and guitar at various clubs and restaurants where you may run into her! **Danielle Atkins**, Career Center Senior Support Staffperson and amazing woman of many talents will make sure you get appointments at the PSP Office when you need them. And two **work-study students**, soon to join us.

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## News and Announcements

### Tell Us about Your Internship Experience

*And Help Your Fellow Students*

The Public Service Programs Office is collecting student evaluations of public service related internships. These evaluations help other students determine what internships will best meet their needs, help the Law School to maintain relationships with employers, and build new opportunities with others as dictated by student interests. Take advantage of the courtesy of other students and view Student Internship Evaluations at <http://www.brooklaw.edu/career/publicservice/internships.php>.

### 18th Annual Public Interest Career Reception

Thursday, August 30, 2007, 6-8:30 pm

New York City Bar Association

42 West 44th Street, New York, NY, (between 5th & 6th Avenue)

Sponsored by Fordham University and co-sponsored by nineteen New York City area law schools, including Brooklyn Law School. First, second, third, and fourth year students are invited to attend and explore who does what

**Brennan Center for Justice**  
*is a public policy institute that works to strengthen democracy and secure justice through law, scholarship, education and advocacy.*

**American Constitution Society for Law and Policy**  
*promotes a progressive vision of the Constitution, law and public policy.*

**EqualJusticeWorks.org**  
*organizes, trains and supports public service-minded law students and is the national leader in creating summer and postgraduate public interest jobs.*

**PeggyBrowningFund**  
*Mission: provide law students with diverse, challenging work and educational experiences in the area of workers' rights.*

in the public interest and government arenas and opportunities for you to become part of it. Business casual. RSVP not essential but helpful: email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu). A group will leave from the flagpole area in the front plaza at 5:30, or we'll meet you there. Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) for the list of employers. The list will also be posted around school.

## Welcome Reception and Pro Bono Fair for Public Interest and Public Service Students at Brooklyn Law School

Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 4-6 pm, Fourth Floor Dining Room. Refreshments will be served.

*Sponsored by the Public Service Programs Office and Co-Sponsored by Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest (BLSPI), BLS Legal Outreach, Civil Legal Assistance & Resource Office (CLARO), & Legal Association for Women (LAW), and other student groups. Students in all classes are encouraged to attend.*

Whether you're an entering or returning student, come meet others with similar interests, enjoy refreshments and camaraderie, explore opportunities with upper class students and lawyers at 10 different "On Campus" *pro bono* projects, and learn about the resources at the Public Service Program (PSP) Office and how they can help you. Myrna Perez from the [Brennan Center for Justice](#) will also be there to greet students, and talk about the role that *pro bono* projects play in a law student's life, and her work at the Brennan Center.

## Lavender Law Conference

September 5-8, 2007, Chicago, IL

Job candidates will talk directly to LGBT-friendly recruiters from law firms, government agencies, LGBT rights groups, and legal departments. See [Lavender Law Career Fair](#) for more information.

## Building Freedom, Building Security: the Challenge of the Next Five Years

Friday, September 7, 2007, NYU School of Law

Sponsored by the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, this day-long conference will be co-chaired by Governor Thomas Kean and Senator Gary Hart, two of the nation's leaders in national security policy. See [Liberty and National Security Conference](#) for more information.

## The Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair

Saturday and Sunday, October 6-7, 2007, Washington, D.C.

A national career fair to match public interest employers with applicants, and public interest and social justice workshops, including a special track for law school public interest professionals. [View how to apply and list of employers.](#) Questions? Email [elizabeth.kane@brooklaw.edu](mailto:elizabeth.kane@brooklaw.edu).

## Peggy Browning Fund Workers' Rights Conference

Friday & Saturday, October 19th & 20th, 2007, Silver Spring, MD

Interested in the worker's rights issues handled by non-profit and union advocacy firms? Take a look at the information about this conference at [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org). Financial support is available for a limited number of students to attend. Contact [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu). Additional funding may be available to any student who registers prior to

August 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Consumer Debtor Advocacy: CLARO Training (Civil Legal Assistance and Resource Office)

October 30, 2007, 6-9 pm, Brooklyn Bar Association, 123 Remsen Street

Interested in a *pro bono* opportunity where you'll learn some substantive law, work with consumer debtors targeted by unscrupulous lenders and collectors and get legal experience on your resume? Talk to Elizabeth Kane in the Public Service Programs Office but in the meantime, save the date and plan to come to the training on October 30.

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## Resources

- [Internship Evaluation Reports](#) Read about students' experiences during their internships.
  - [Public Interest Career Fairs](#) across the United States and Canada on [PSLawNet.org](#).
  - Access BLS Alums working in your area of interest. Contact [Caitlin Monck-Marcellino](#)
  - Public Service Programs Office
    - Bulletin boards have public service job listings.
    - *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide*, Harvard Law School's Handbook & Directory for Law Students and Lawyers Seeking Public Service Work
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## Post-Graduate Fellowships

[Post-Graduate Fellowships Overview](#) offers information on types of fellowships and resources available. (Requires BLS user name and password.) For more opportunities, check [PSLawNet](#) and the *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide*, available at the Public Service Programs Office.

### Project Based

#### [Equal Justice Works Fellowship](#)

Application deadline is Wednesday, September 18, 2007

#### [The Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowships](#)

Application deadline is October 17, 2007

The Soros Justice Fellowship Program seeks applications from outstanding individuals to implement innovative projects that address one or more of the criminal justice priorities of Open Society Institute's U.S. Justice Fund.

#### [Echoing Green's Fellowship Program](#)

Application deadline is December 3, 2007

Echoing Green awards two-year fellowships to emerging social innovators creating new organizations. Fellows launch, manage and grow organizations that implement and continually expand their ideas for creating lasting social change.

#### [New Voices National Fellowship Program](#)

Application deadline is January 21, 2008

During the next two grant cycles, the program will focus on addressing needs, solving problems, and defending human rights related to the impact on the Gulf Coast of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The nonprofit organization and the proposed Fellow prepare the application together.

### [Tom Steel Post Graduate Fellowship](#)

Application deadline is December 31, 2007

Funds public interest law project that serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

### [American Civil Liberties Union Legal Fellowships](#)

[ACLU of Northern California Legal Fellowship](#) Application deadline is September 30, 2007

[Disability Rights Fellowship-ACLUF Legal Department, NY](#)

### [Skadden Fellowship Grants](#)

Application deadline is October 1, 2007

### [Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship](#)

Application deadline is October 15, 2007

### Firm Based

### [Fried Frank Fellowship Program](#)

Application deadline is Friday, November 2, 2007 for LDF and MALDEF

[Fried Frank](#) offers the [InMotion](#), [NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#), (LDF) and [Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#) (MALDEF) Fellowships. Fellows start at Fried Frank where they are carefully mentored as they build their litigation skills. Their work encompasses a substantial roster of public interest cases. At the end of their respective training periods, the Fellows become staff attorneys at their respective non-profits vindicating various rights for their client populations. At the end of their commitment, Fellows are eligible to return to the international firm with full seniority and, in some cases, they may continue on the staff of their civil rights organization.

### Contact Us

[Public Service Programs Office Website](#)

*Resources for employment, funding opportunities, public interest related news, events, & more.*

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## Internship Opportunities

Check PSPO, [PSLawNet](#), and [Symblicity](#) for internships, some of which may be paid. For any that are unfunded, Brooklyn Law School Public Service Grants may be available to you. Questions? Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

## Academic Year

### Unfunded

[inMotion](#) works directly with clients and also matches clients to *pro bono* counsel. inMotion addresses matrimonial, family and immigration law, preventing tragedies and changing lives. See [inMotion Internship Opportunities](#) for more information.

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## Contact Us

### Are the Events and Activities Here Not What You Are Looking For?

We recognize that BLS students cover a broad political spectrum, and need your help to ensure **In Your Interest** is inclusive. Please let us know of activities and events that better represent your perspective so they can be included.

Website: <http://brooklaw.edu/career/publicservice/>

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