

# In Your Interest

News and information for the public interest and public service community

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## News and Announcements

### PSLawNet Training

Friday, September 21, 2007, 1-2pm in Computer Lab Room C36. (Down the stairs near the Library Reference Desk, make two right turns at the bottom.)

Learn to use the online database [PSLawnet](#) to effectively conduct your Public Service job and internship search. Through its online database, PSLawNet provides a comprehensive clearinghouse of public interest organizations and opportunities for lawyers and law students. Users can perform customized searches of public interest opportunities around the world, ranging from short-term volunteer and paid internships to full-time jobs, fellowships and pro bono opportunities.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu). Training sessions will be available the third Friday of every month at 1 PM. If you cannot make it at this time, and would like to schedule a separate session, email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

### Save \$35,000-\$60,000 of Student Debt through LRAP

New legislation passed by Congress and awaiting a signature by President Bush promises to provide substantial law school debt relief to those working after graduation for the government or non profits helping to enforce laws and assisting vulnerable populations. We are in the process of analyzing the legislation and will provide more details in the near future.

### BLS Student Edward W. De Barbieri '08 Awarded Fulbright

Ted De Barbieri, recipient of both Sparer and BLSPI fellowships, will be studying the Barryroe Co-op in Ireland. Ted will explore why the Irish model "has traditionally played a central role in tackling problems associated with disadvantage and exclusion" and why "co-operative movements have proven to be economically more viable in poor and isolated communities than free market enterprises." See [Ted De Barbieri](#) for more information.

### Film & Information Session: [In Debt We Trust: America Before the Bubble Bursts](#)

September 26, 2007, 4:30 pm, Student Lounge, Refreshments will be served

Presented by CLARO/SAG. An "economics lesson meets *Supersize Me*" followed by Q&A with Director Danny Schechter. Learn about consumer debt and find out how to gain valuable legal experience assisting *pro se* litigants.

## Pursuing a Career in Public Interest Law

Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 7 pm, at the Offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, 38th Floor, New York, NY

Get inside knowledge from experienced attorneys working in a variety of public interest fields. In order to attend, you must RSVP by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please email [swatiparikh@gmail.com](mailto:swatiparikh@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. Presented by the Public Interest Committee of the South Asian Bar Association of New York.

## First Monday in October

Monday, October 1, 2007, 6-8 pm, NYU 10 W 3rd Street

Since 1994, the Office of the Appellate Defender hosts the annual First Monday in October – the annual commencement of the new Supreme Court term - a fundraiser for OAD and an awards ceremony at which OAD presents the Gould Award for Outstanding Advocacy to two of the most highly regarded advocates in the nation. As the highlight of the program, the two advocates argue an important contemporary constitutional issue before a mock United States Supreme Court. First Monday, held at New York University School of Law, is an exciting event attended by many of New York's most prominent attorneys, judges, and government officials.

The 2007 recipients of the Gould Award will argue *District of Columbia v. Parker*, a case that examines whether the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is limited to membership in a State militia or whether it extends to individuals.

A limited number of free passes to this \$100 per ticket event are available to BLS Students. First come, first served. Contact the [PSP Office](#) for more information.

## Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Informational

Tuesday, October 2 2007, 1-2pm & 5-6pm, Student Lounge

Whether or not you're interested in applying for the [Sparer Fellowship](#), come hear students report on work they have done in public interest internships—come to either or both of these sessions. The Sparer application deadline is October 29.

## Financial Resources & Loan Repayment for the Public Interest Student

Thursday, October 25, 2007, 1-2pm, Student Lounge

## 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? For more information, contact [CLARO@brooklaw.edu](mailto:CLARO@brooklaw.edu).

### [EqualJusticeWorks.org](http://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](http://PeggyBrowningFund.org)

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

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## Job Fairs & Conferences

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). The deadline to register is September 28, 5 pm. On-Site registration will be available after the deadline has passed.

## 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). Registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## What Happened?

### Welcome Reception and Pro Bono Fair

The 2007 Welcome Reception and Pro Bono Fair was a terrific success. **150-200 students were introduced to established and new on-campus pro bono opportunities**, and project representatives at each table were rewarded with 7-25 new student sign-ups. Student attendees were also rewarded by hearing a fabulous presentation by **Myrna Perez from the Brennan Center** about her path to public interest. If you missed the event, contact [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) for information.

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## Pro Bono at BLS

### Training for Pro Bono Opportunities

Training for *pro bono* programs introduced at the Student Organization Fair and the Public Interest Welcome Reception and *Pro Bono* Fair is available. See [Super Friday](#) for updates.

Contact [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) if your *pro bono* project wants to schedule a time slot for Super Friday.

### Super Friday Pro Bono Training Sessions

September 28, 2007 9am-5pm, Room 505

- \* 11am-1:30pm: Uncontested Divorce Preparation for Battered Women  
Contact [Ashley.Slobodkin@brooklaw.edu](mailto:Ashley.Slobodkin@brooklaw.edu)
- \* 1:30-3:30pm: Civil Legal Assistance Resource Office, the consumer debtor project  
Contact [CLARO@brooklaw.edu](mailto:CLARO@brooklaw.edu)

### Other Pro Bono Training Sessions

Unemployment Action Center, Sunday, September 23, 2007, 5-8pm, Room 503. Contact [jonathan.antone@brooklaw.edu](mailto:jonathan.antone@brooklaw.edu)

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## Resources

- *Pro Bono* Opportunities at BLS. Read about established and new on-campus projects. Also lists resources like [ProBono.net/NY](http://ProBono.net/NY) for NYC

area opportunities. Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)

- [Internship Evaluation Reports](#) Read about students' experiences during their internships.
- [Public Interest Career Fairs](#) across the United States and Canada on [PSLawNet.org](http://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

#### [Skadden Fellowship Grants](#)

Application deadline is October 1, 2007

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

Application deadline is October 15, 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.

#### [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.

#### [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.

## 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.

## Employment Based

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

View the complete list of Fellowships available. Some opportunities are:

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

[Women's Rights Project](#) Application deadline is November 1, 2007

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

[ACLU Karpatkin Fellowship, NY](#) Application deadline is November 1, 2007

[William J. Brennan First Amendment Fellowship](#) Application deadline is November 1, 2007

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*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 (& PSP Office Still Looking)

The sources listed above still have dozens of internship opportunities for students interested in working in the fall and spring semesters. In addition, the PSP Office is still looking for students to help with interviews, research, writing and event planning and management involving public interest matters. If interested, please contact [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

## Summer

[Center for Gender and Refugee Studies](#) (CGRS), UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, seeks Refugee Women's Rights Fellows to be involved in the full range of CGRS's work, including research and writing on key legal issues, appellate advocacy, the development of detailed country conditions information, the preparation of expert witness affidavits, and national policy work. **Application is due November 16, 2007.** Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) for more information. Funding may be available.

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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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