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Check out all of the  
Public Service Law  
Center's resources on  
[BLSConnect!](#)

## Come to our 2L and Post Grad Career Fair on September 18th!

You will have the opportunity to  
connect with recruiters and alumni  
and learn about job openings.

More info on [page 3](#).

Unsure about how to  
put your best foot forward?  
Come to the **Career Fair 101** and  
get tips on all things career fairs in  
the Student Lounge on  
September 15<sup>th</sup> from  
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM or  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

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# PUBLIC SERVICE 2L/3L CAREER PLANNING & TIMELINE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,



12:45 PM - 1:45 PM



STUDENT LOUNGE

Get advice about your 2L and 3L years, particularly critical for students who intend to work in the government or nonprofit sectors after graduation! Learn tips and strategies for the job search process, including sending the best resume, cover letter, and fellowship project proposal. Learn about postgrad career opportunities, deadlines, and application processes.



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# CAREER FAIR

Don't miss the Career Fair, where you can meet with recruiters and alumni face-to-face and learn about job openings.

## WHO: 2L/3L/2025 Graduates



DATE

September 18 2025



TIME

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



LOCATION

Brooklyn Law School  
4th Floor Dining Hall



ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL NEW YORK CITY (ACC- NYC) WILL BE OFFERING ONE-TO-ONE LINKEDIN AND NETWORKING STRATEGY MINI-SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SIGN UP FOR LINKEDIN REVIEW WILL BE SHARED VIA E-MAIL

Sponsored by the Public Service Law Center

# Client Intake & Interviewing Workshop



With Professor Saskia Valencia

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, ROOM 401**

Pro Bono Project participants and interested students will learn about client intake and interviewing procedures, etiquette, and ethics. This session is open to all interested students and is required for pro bono project participants.

**RSVP by September 15 at  
this QR Code:**



SEPTEMBER 30

5:30 - 7:00 PM



# PUBLIC INTEREST NETWORKING RECEPTION

Meet lawyers from non-profit organizations, government agencies, and private public interest law firms in a conversational setting! All students are invited, especially 1Ls!

Learn about public sector employers & opportunities and receive advice & information!

*~business casual attire recommended~*

*~no resumes needed or allowed~*

55 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the NE corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 12<sup>th</sup> St.

hosted by Cardozo Law School in collaboration with NYC Metro Area law schools

Registration by 9/25 required here: [bit.ly/pinr2025](https://bit.ly/pinr2025) or scan:



## Update about the Public Interest Networking Reception:

Registration is full, but scan the QR code to  
JOIN THE WAITLIST and receive an email if a  
spot opens up closer to the event!



# New York State Defenders Association



## JUSTICE IN ACTION Exploring Careers in Public Defense Across New York

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Brooklyn Law School, 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY

### About the Event

The New York State Defenders Association and Brooklyn Law School's Public Service Law Center are thrilled to invite aspiring public interest and public defense attorneys to join us for an evening of **connection**, **learning**, and **inspiration**. The program includes a networking reception and panel discussion.

### Panelists & Moderator

Alodie Efamba, Neighborhood Defender Services  
Alexis Hoag-Fordjour, Brooklyn Law School (moderator)  
Renate Lunn, New York County Defender Services  
Laurette Mulry, Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County  
Shawn Sauro, Steuben County  
Meg Speedling, Albany County Defender's Office

### Program Schedule

**5:30pm** – Check-in for Law Students, Alumni and Public Defense Attorneys

**5:45pm** - Welcome and Panel Discussion

**6:45pm** - Networking Reception (includes complimentary beer, wine, appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages)

Open to law students and alumni of ABA-approved law schools.

Space is limited.

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Scan to RSVP by  
October 1, 2025



# 1L WELCOME & TIMELINE RECAP

WELCOME!

If you missed the 1L program last week, this is a brief summary.

Read our emails and add the Public Service Law Center Canvas page to your dashboard!

Reach out to Public Service Law Center (PSLC) with any questions!

## WHAT IS PUBLIC SERVICE LAW?

Two main venues:

Government work could include anything from drafting city policy to prosecuting crimes.

Nonprofit/NGO work could be providing free representation for low-income clients, to suing the government, to advocating for policy change.

## WHERE DO BLS STUDENTS DO PUBLIC SERVICE?

You can explore public service by getting involved in a pro bono project, clinic or internship. Many students work in public service their 1L summer regardless of career goals, and all 1Ls will participate in the Public Interest Legal Career (PILC) fair- keep an eye out for more info soon.

## MISCONCEPTIONS

There are many misconceptions about public service. In fact, these jobs can be very competitive and you can make money! Be wary of any career-related "rules" that you'll hear about. Public service is a big, varied, and evolving world. Reach out to PSLC anytime to fact-check!

## SUBJECT MATTER

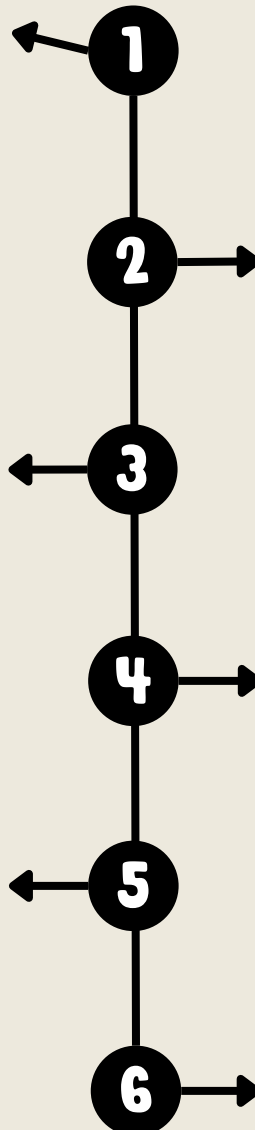
Take your pick! There is a role for government and nonprofits in every issue area. You can choose to do Litigation work (which may include direct services or impact litigation), transactional work, advocacy/movement lawyering or policy work.

## WILL I GET PAID?

There are many options for summer funding: paid internships, the Public Service grant, BLSPI grant, Sparer and BLS subject specific fellowships, and outside funding to name a few.

## DON'T STRESS!

Don't worry about the summer or post grad plans just yet- for now focus on studying and thinking about subject areas of interest. Join a pro bono project and after October 15th meet with us about your resume!



Questions or stressed out by any of this information? Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)

# **PAROLE ADVOCACY**

Parole Advocacy partners student volunteers with people incarcerated across New York State as they prepare to go before the parole board. Volunteers support applicants in preparing for parole interviews, preparing a packet to provide to the parole board, and in getting access to resources while they are incarcerated and if they are granted release.

**Applications Due**  
**September 17, 2025**  
Interview to follow starting  
September 18, 2025



Scan for  
Application

**Contact Us!**  
**[ParoleAdvocacy@brooklaw.edu](mailto:ParoleAdvocacy@brooklaw.edu)**



# ANNUAL CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM: CAN THE PRESIDENT REALLY DO THAT?

Since his second inauguration, President Trump has taken unprecedented actions pushing the boundaries of presidential power across a wide variety of areas. This panel will be devoted to a discussion of the constitutionality of those actions, and the political and legal prospects for reigning in presidential power. **Join us as our panel of Brooklyn Law School's Constitutional Law experts tackles these important questions, and answers your questions, with introductory remarks by Dean David Meyer.**

**William Araiza**

Stanley A. August  
Professor of Law

**Stacy Caplow**

Professor of Law

**Maryellen Fullerton**

Suzanne J. and Norman Miles  
Professor of Law

**Susan Herman**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
Professor of Law

***Refreshments will be served.***

**WED., SEPT. 17  
12:15 TO 1:45 P.M.  
STUDENT LOUNGE**



# BOOK TALK: NO COP CITY, NO COP WORLD

## PARTICIPANTS:

**Kamau Franklin**, Co-Editor, No Cop City, No Cop World & Founder, Community Movement Builders

**Priscilla Grim**, Contributor, No Cop City, No Cop World; Cultural Worker, Writer, & Stop Cop City RICO Defendant

**Micah Herskind**, Co-Editor, No Cop City, No Cop World

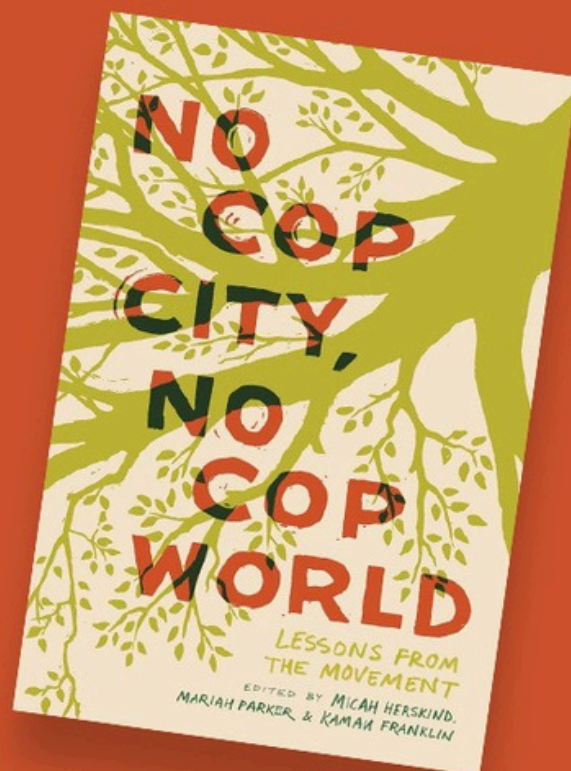
**Mariah Parker**, Co-Editor, No Cop City, No Cop World

## MODERATOR:

**Jocelyn Simonson**, Herman Badillo '54 Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

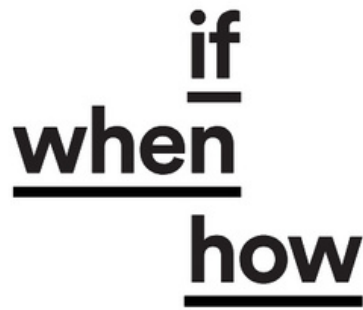
**WED., SEPT. 17  
6 TO 7:30 P.M.  
BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL  
SUBOTNICK CENTER**

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL 2025  
BROOKLYN BOOK FESTIVAL  
BOOKEND EVENT



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**BROOKLYN  
BOOK FESTIVAL**





Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

## Applications open for If/When/How's Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program!

Virtual Information Session: **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM** – [Register here!](#)

Looking for ways to put reproductive justice principles into action after graduation?

Join us for an informational session on September 18 at 12:30 ET to learn more about [If/When/How's Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program](#).

If/When/how is currently [accepting applications](#) for the 2026-28 cohort of RJ Fellows, with positions based in New York, Texas, and remote.

As criminalization and surveillance of our pregnancies and bodily autonomy increase, we need more trauma-informed, client-centered lawyers who can fight state violence within and beyond the legal system.

[Sign up](#) to learn more about this opportunity for emerging lawyers to gain two-years practical experience and support while engaging in direct legal services, policy advocacy, organizing, harm reduction, and client-centered lawyering.

# Structural Injustice, and the Possibility of Transformational Change

September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 PM

Brooklyn Law Moot Courtroom

Join a conversation about inequality, structural injustice, and the possibility of transformational change. **Deborah Archer's** *Dividing Lines* uncovers a powerful and troubling map of America's transportation infrastructure--highways that slice through Black neighborhoods, zoning laws that isolate marginalized communities, and policies that shape who gets access to safety and opportunity. **Susan Sturm's** *What Might Be* invites us to consider how we can rebuild institutions (schools, courts, and civic spaces) in ways that are equitable and inclusive. Both authors grapple with the idea that inequality is not incidental, but maintained and legitimized through systems that resist scrutiny. Archer and Sturm explore how we can tap into community knowledge, activate participatory models for reform, and reimagine law and policy as tools for equity. Moderated by **Alexis Hoag-Fordjour**.

## Participating authors



Deborah Archer



Susan Sturm



Alexis Hoag-  
Fordjour



IN-PERSON

# Law Student Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

NEW YORK  
CITY BAR



REGISTER TODAY

Whether you are in your first, second or third year of law school, or an LL.M. student, we invite you to learn about exciting opportunities and programs offered by the City's leading bar association.

At this event, you will have the opportunity to network with fellow law students and attorneys, who are active City Bar Committee members. There will be short tours of the historic building to learn more about the City Bar and drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Expand your network with the best legal minds in New York City – it's never too early to get ahead!

Come join us at the 2025 Law Student Welcome Reception! We invite you for an exciting evening to connect, converse, and mentor with aspiring law students from across the city.

## What to Expect:

- Network with law students beginning their careers
- Share your experience in the field
- Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere

Come connect with the best young legal minds in New York City!

[Learn more and register here.](#)

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### NEW YORK COUNTY (MANHATTAN) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Applications are open for:

- [Postgrad jobs](#), rolling deadline until October 1, 2025
- [2L Summer internships](#), rolling deadline until November 1, 2025



### THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NYC

Applications are open for:

- **[Postgrad jobs](#)** in the Civil, Juvenile and Criminal Practices until *December 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm*
- **[Summer 2026 internship](#)** for 2Ls until *February 6, 2026 at 3:00PM*.

Offers are made on a rolling basis, so early application submissions are encouraged.



### IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Each year IJC awards Justice Fellowships to recent law graduates from around the country – individuals with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to providing legal services for low-income people and immigrants.

IJC trains Justice Fellows to become experts in immigration law and pairs them with leading non-profit legal services providers and community-based organizations. IJC matches selected Fellows with partnering host organizations based on the applicant's experience and interest, gaps in services within the community, location interests, and partnering host organizations' needs.

**Applications are due on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 11:59 pm.**

IJC webinars about the Justice Fellowship:

- **Justice Fellowship Information Session:**  
September 24, 2025  
4 PM EST: [Link to Register](#).
- **Justice Fellowship Application Process Webinar:** October 1, 2025  
4 PM EST: [Link to Register](#).

The Public Service Law Center is available to help you with your application!. Please contact us at [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) to set up a meeting.



# Attorney General Fellowship Program

Applications Accepted August 11, 2025 – October 3, 2025

## Program Details

**The Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) is recruiting applicants for the 2026 Attorney General Fellowship Program. The following are some program highlights:**

- This is a two (2) year program for six (6) law school graduates.
- Placements begin in September 2026 and conclude in August 2028.
- Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in working as a public service attorney.
- Fellows work as junior attorneys and receive training and mentorship.
- Fellows work to protect the rights and interests of the state and people of New York.
- Fellows gain hands-on legal experience by working on investigations, affirmative and defensive litigation, public education, and community outreach projects.

**For 2026, we are offering 1 placement in each of the following bureaus:**

- Executive Division (Located in New York, NY)
- Litigation Bureau (Located in New York, NY)
- Protect Our Homes Initiative (Located in New York, NY)
- Rochester Regional Office (Located in Rochester, NY)
- Sex Offender Management Bureau (Located in Albany, NY)
- Suffolk Regional Office (Located in Hauppauge, NY)

For more information about each placement, visit the [about](#) and [news and media](#) sections of OAG's public website.

## Learn More and Apply

**We will be holding a virtual information session on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 @ 12:00 PM EST.**

**Scan the QR code to register.**

- During these sessions we will introduce the PC, provide an overview of the AG Fellowship Program, discuss the application process, and address frequently asked questions.
- Students who may not be eligible to apply this year, are still welcome to attend an information session.
- To learn more about the program, including answer to frequently asked questions, please visit: <https://ag.ny.gov/AGFellowship>.
- We invite and encourage all interested and eligible law students to apply.



# Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest (BLSPI)



**Mentors**



**Mentees**

## Sign Up Today!



**1L Delegates &  
Committees**



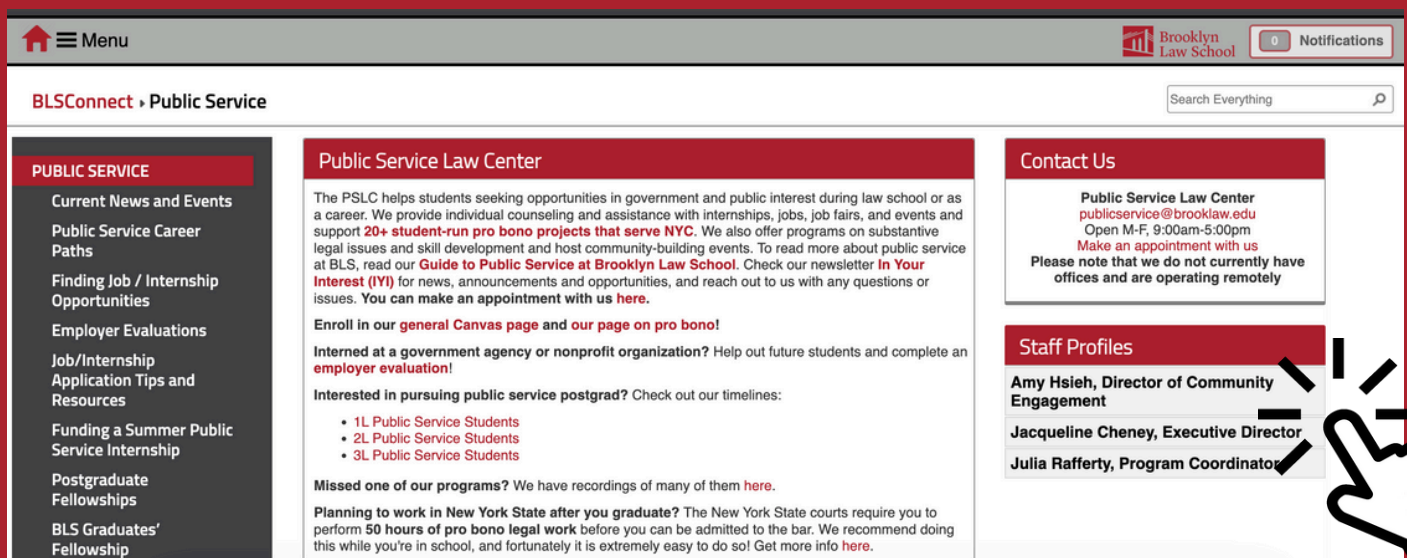
# QUESTIONS?

Need help or advice on jobs,  
internships, fellowships,  
resumes/cover letters, interviewing,  
or pro bono?

Make an appointment with us!\*

Public Service Law Center  
Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
publicservice@brooklaw.edu

Check out all our resources  
on BLS Connect!



The screenshot shows the BLSConnect Public Service page. The header includes a home icon, a menu icon, the Brooklyn Law School logo, and a notifications icon. The main content area is titled "BLSConnect • Public Service" and features a search bar. The page is divided into three columns. The left column, "PUBLIC SERVICE", lists various resources. The middle column, "Public Service Law Center", provides information about the center's mission, programs, and contact details. The right column, "Contact Us", lists the center's contact information and staff profiles. A hand cursor is pointing to the "Staff Profiles" section in the right column.

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Current News and Events
- Public Service Career Paths
- Finding Job / Internship Opportunities
- Employer Evaluations
- Job/Internship Application Tips and Resources
- Funding a Summer Public Service Internship
- Postgraduate Fellowships
- BLS Graduates' Fellowship

**Public Service Law Center**

The PSLC helps students seeking opportunities in government and public interest during law school or as a career. We provide individual counseling and assistance with internships, jobs, job fairs, and events and support **20+ student-run pro bono projects that serve NYC**. We also offer programs on substantive legal issues and skill development and host community-building events. To read more about public service at BLS, read our **Guide to Public Service at Brooklyn Law School**. Check our newsletter **In Your Interest (IYI)** for news, announcements and opportunities, and reach out to us with any questions or issues. You can make an appointment with us [here](#).

Enroll in our **general Canvas page** and **our page on pro bono!**

Interested at a government agency or nonprofit organization? Help out future students and complete an **employer evaluation!**

Interested in pursuing public service postgrad? Check out our timelines:

- 1L Public Service Students
- 2L Public Service Students
- 3L Public Service Students

Missed one of our programs? We have recordings of many of them [here](#).

Planning to work in New York State after you graduate? The New York State courts require you to perform 50 hours of **pro bono legal work** before you can be admitted to the bar. We recommend doing this while you're in school, and fortunately it is extremely easy to do so! Get more info [here](#).

**Contact Us**

Public Service Law Center  
[publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)  
Open M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm  
Make an appointment with us  
Please note that we do not currently have offices and are operating remotely

**Staff Profiles**

- Amy Hsieh, Director of Community Engagement
- Jacqueline Cheney, Executive Director
- Julia Rafferty, Program Coordinator