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CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025!



We know you'll accomplish great things after you've graduated! The Public Service Law Center is still here for you. Reach out for public service career help anytime, whether in 6 months, 5 years, or beyond!

And for all students--we are open all summer to help you with planning your next year, applying for fall internships, post-grad positions and anything else you need! Check out our **[public service timelines](#)**!

FROM BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL TO THE DA OFFICE



Join Chief Assistant District Attorney, Jennifer Naiburg '93, as she discusses her journey from Brooklyn Law School to the Queens DA.

Ms. Naiburg has been a prosecutor since 1993. Prior to DA Katz' administration, Ms. Naiburg served the Office in many capacities: as an accomplished trial lawyer, teacher, manager, and innovator. Ms. Naiburg has diligently executed the DA's priorities in reimaging the administration of justice in Queens County.

Non-pizza lunch will be served!

RSVP at the QR code!



Tuesday, April 22, 2025
12:45–1:45PM
Room 402



Questions? Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu

HAPPENING TODAY!

HEALTH LAW AND POLICY ASSOCIATION BLOOD DRIVE

If you are **eligible** to donate, you can make an appointment **here**.

You can also drop in without an appointment at any time.

Tell your friends!

There will be snacks throughout the day to help donors recover, and sandwiches during the lunch hour.

**April 15, 2025
12:00–6:00pm
Student Lounge**

Questions?
hlp@brooklaw.edu

Summer Funding!

Check out our [summer funding guide](#) for an overview of funding for summer internships in public service!



Public Service Grant

Many BLS students get funding for unpaid summer internships in public service through the Public Service Grant (PSG). Please note that the **PSG is run by the Financial Aid Department**, NOT the Public Service Law Center.

You can find information on the PSG [here](#), and you'll need to have both your **2024-25 and 2025-26 FAFSAs** ready to apply!

Contact Florence Attino (florence.attino@brooklaw.edu), Director of the Public Service Grant Program, with questions.

Summer Fellowships

BLS also offers some subject-matter specific summer funding for internships in public service. **You can apply for these NOW on Symplicity:**

Apply by April 21, 2025

Kate Welling Fellowship in Disability Rights (#77015)

Arthur Pinto Public Service Fellowship in LGBTQ Rights (#77014)

Minna Kotkin Fellowship in Workers' Rights (#77016)

Roland Thau Public Defender Fellowship (#77017)

Summer Internships for Upperclass Students

As always, this is just a sampling of what's out there. You'll see lots more spring and summer internships on Symplicity in the coming months. You can always look at our [Online Job Search Resources Guide](#) to find more.

Summer Internships on Symplicity

Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation (#77086)
Catholic Charities (#77045)
CAMBA Legal Services - Housing (#77181)
Center for Equal Opportunity (#77059)
Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (#75421)
New York City Administration for Children's Services (#77252)
New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (#76937)
New York City Fire Department (#77233)
New York City Housing Preservation and Development (#77216)
New York City Department of Environmental Protection (Paid!) (#77023)
NYLAG Foreclosure Prevention Project (#77085)
The Center for New York City Neighborhoods (Paid!) (#77110)
The Fortune Society (#76945)
Representative Hakeem Jeffries (DC, #77130)
Urban Resource Institute - Legal Affairs Intern (#77182)
Volunteer Lawyers for Justice (#77094)

Post Grad Opportunities

CAMBA Legal Services - Housing (#77277)
New York State Defenders Association - Warren County (#76847)
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. - Criminal Defense Unit (#76840)
New York City Administration for Children's Services (#74508)

Interviews & Follow-up

Review our [Public Service Interviewing Guide](#), with tips for how to put your best foot forward in an interview and follow up afterwards.

The public service job search differs from a private-sector job search in some key ways. Visit [our page on public service application tips and resources](#) for help drafting public service cover letters and preparing for interviews. If you are hoping to work in public service postgrad, make an appointment with the PSLC to plan a strategy!

GRADUATING STUDENTS

Looking for a postgrad job? Note that it is common for students interested in public service to get their jobs after graduation, after taking the Uniform Bar Exam, or even after finding out that they've passed the UBE. Government and nonprofit employers typically don't have the ability to hire months in advance and prefer to hire candidates who are close to being admitted. However, here are some things you can do now:

1. Make sure you are squared away with the **MPRE** and (if you plan to practice in NY) the **NY Law Exam** before you graduate--having already passed these exams will make you more desirable to employers because they'll know you're closer to getting licensed. Once you've passed each one, add it to your resume!
2. **Check out our Online Job Search Resources Guide** for a list of places you can be checking for job opportunities (#1: Symplicity!). Be sure to consider "fellowships", which are often basically the same thing as jobs in public interest.
3. **Come in and see us** for a cover letter and resume review! Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu.

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS



WHY JOIN?

- Exclusive Networking: Connect with attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals through events tailored to students.
- Professional Development: Access career-building workshops, resume reviews, and mentorship programs.
- Committee Membership: Engage in legal discussions and work on issues you're passionate about by joining one of the 150+ committees.
- Free & Discounted Events: Attend CLE programs, lectures, and panel discussions—many of which are free or heavily discounted for students.
- Job Search Resources: Explore internship postings, job boards, and career services to secure your next opportunity.
- Free Online Legal Research: Gain access to valuable research tools available at no additional cost to members.

HOW TO JOIN

Visit nycbar.org/students to sign up and start enjoying the benefits today!

UPCOMING NYC BAR EVENTS

Defending Justice: Mobilizing the Legal Profession to Stand Up for the Rule of Law (In-Person)

Monday, April 21, 2025

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

New York City Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street

Join for an urgent and inspiring program as the New York City Bar Association hosts a series of panels focused on defending the independence of the judiciary and mobilizing the legal profession in support of the rule of law. The event will feature a discussion on the growing threats to judicial independence and the Bar's role in protecting the judiciary from political interference; a panel on how legal professionals can respond to democratic backsliding and threats to the legal system; and interactive workshops designed to provide practical strategies, share resources, and help build cross-sector networks to drive meaningful action. We'll close the evening with a reception where attendees can connect, reflect, and build community around this shared mission. **You can register [here](#).**

Law Day, Thursday, May 1, from 1:00–2:00 p.m. at Foley Square in Manhattan **Rally for the Rule of Law**

This is a chance for the legal community to stand together and speak out against efforts to intimidate lawyers, undermine judicial independence, and politicize our legal system. The rally is co-sponsored by the City Bar, the New York County Lawyers Association, the New York Council of Defense Lawyers, and many others. Lawyers are invited to reaffirm their oaths to support the Constitution. If you feel comfortable doing so, come dressed as if appearing in court—and bring your pocket Constitution. **See the flyer [here](#).** (As part of this effort, the NYC Bar is joining a "[National Law Day of Action](#)" network that is coordinating Law Day rallies in cities across the nation. See their "Core Principles" [here](#).)

APPELLATE ADVOCATES

Pro Bono Project Shoutout!

The Parole Advocacy Project 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. There are also opportunities to support clients seeking clemency. We work in partnership with Appellate Advocates lawyers, paralegals, social workers and re-entry specialists.

During the **Spring 2025 semester**, the project was assigned **seven parole cases** and **one clemency case**. Five of the seven parole clients have already appeared before the board of parole. Of those five, **four individuals were released thanks for the hard work of BLS volunteers**.

Congratulations to those individuals and their advocates!

The project is ongoing, with opportunities to begin each semester. To learn more and get involved, please email **paroleadvocacy@brooklaw.edu**



**BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT
ANTONIO REYNOSO**

A Two-Part Workshop on **PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY: ESTATE PLANNING AND MORE**

Part One

WEDNESDAY — APRIL 2 — 6 PM – 8 PM
Medgar Evers College, 1637 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Learn about:

- ✓ The pros and cons of placing your property in a trust
- ✓ The statutory power of attorney
- ✓ The dangers of deed theft and how to prevent it

RSVP: bit.ly/probonopart1

PICK ONE
OR
ATTEND BOTH
SESSIONS

Part Two

TUESDAY — APRIL 22 — 12 PM – 6:30 PM
Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Receive one-on-one expert assistance with legal documents including:

- ✓ Living Wills
- ✓ Health Care Proxies
- ✓ Statutory Power of Attorney

RSVP: bit.ly/probonopart2

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Participating Attorneys:

Audra J. Barrow, Esq.
Barry Clarke Esq.
Rob Hoskins, Esq.
Tanya Hobson-Williams, Esq.

Email Krystal Bydonn (kbydonne@brooklynbp.nyc.gov)
if you are interested in volunteering.

This work will qualify for the NYS Bar Pro Bono Requirement!

THE UCS WORKING GROUP ON ANTI-ASIAN HATE PRESENTS

RELIVING HISTORY

Immigration, Exclusion, and the
Cyclical Fight for Civil Rights

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR AN ENGAGING PANEL
DISCUSSION WITH HISTORIANS, WRITERS, & LEGAL SCHOLARS.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 @ 6:00pm-8:00pm

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT:
Ceremonial Courtroom 60 Centre St, New York, NY
Food & Refreshments after Panel.

FREE 1.0 CLE CREDIT!!

Diversity, Inclusion
& Elimination of Bias

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BY FRIDAY,
APRIL 25TH



Navigating Recent Updates to Student Loan Repayment and Forgiveness



In the face of swift and significant changes happening in the student loan world, AccessLex is offering a new webinar during which policy and financial experts will unpack the latest legislative developments and how those changes impact student loan repayment in general.

Please register and share widely with anyone you think might benefit from this **free, open-enrollment, national conversation**.

Dates, Times and Registration:

May 1, 2025 at 12 pm ET - [Register](#)
June 5, 2025 at 12 pm ET - [Register](#)

Also, did you know that AccessLex is giving away one more scholarship this year, and it's a BIG one!

On May 1, one 1L student will be awarded the **\$50,000 Hannah R. Arterian Memorial Scholarship**. To be entered for the drawing, you must have completed all eight online lessons/activities in your MAX by AccessLex® Financial Foundations course and attend at least two webinars.

There's still time before May 1 to knock out the 1L course and attend webinars. Don't miss this chance for your entry to win big money for law school!

Everytown Law's Law Student Writing Competition



Advance Gun Violence Prevention Through Legal Advocacy

“Every day, 125 people in the United States are killed with guns. The Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund is the education, research, and litigation arm of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country. We build awareness about the complexities of gun violence in America so that every person—policymakers, volunteers, cultural influencers, business leaders, and more—can learn about the issues and become part of the solutions.”

Everytown is pleased to announce Everytown Law's third annual Law Student Writing Competition!

Eligibility

Open to law students enrolled in ABA-accredited law schools who are U.S. legal residents.

Writing Topic

How can litigation and the law be used to prevent gun violence?

Topics may include:

- Representing survivors
- Challenging gun industry practices
- Enforcing gun safety laws
- Defending laws against constitutional challenges
- Civil rights & gun violence
- Gender justice & gun violence
- Second Amendment developments

Submission Guidelines

Original research and writing only (unpublished or with permission to re-print)

One submission per person. 5,000–15,000 words (Bluebook citations required)

Anonymous formatting (no identifying info in body or metadata).

Submit via form by June 20, 2025 at midnight ET

Prizes

1st Prize: \$2,500

Runners-Up (2): \$1,000 each

Winners may be invited to speak at an Everytown Law event and have work published on Everytown Law's platforms.

Winners announced by September 19, 2025

Sign up for updates or direct questions to: everytownlawfund@everytown.org

Resources and Upcoming Events compiled by NYC Metro Area Public Interest Advisors Committee



Events & Webinars

- [How Things Work: The Legal Edition](#) (ABA Civil Rights & Social Justice Section)
- [NY Law School Presidential Transitions Series](#) (ongoing through April)
- [National Immigration Project Trainings](#)

Trackers

- [Changes in Higher Ed- NIH funding, Admissions, Hiring Freezes](#)
- [Litigation Tracker: Legal Challenges to Trump Administration Actions](#)
- [Executive Orders Impacting Nonprofits](#)
- [Society of American Law Teachers Resources Tracking Executive Orders and Administrative Actions](#)
- [Brookings Institute tracking regulatory changes in the 2nd Trump administration](#)
- [Project 2025 Tracker](#)
- [Immigration Policy Tracking Project](#)

Know Your Rights

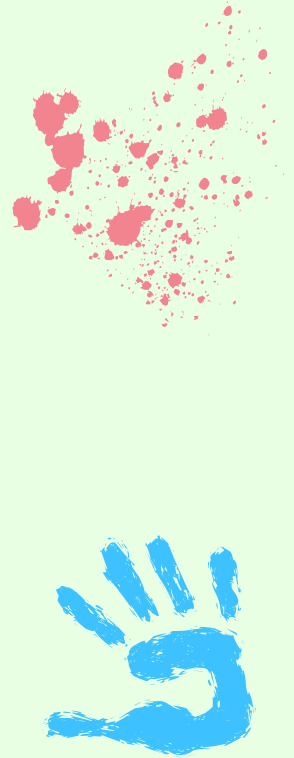
- [NLG Know Your Risks \(KYRs\)](#)
- [NLG Legal Observer Program](#)
- [NYC Commission on Human Rights resources/fact sheets](#)
- [NYC Commission on Human Rights legal enforcement guidance](#)
- [Protecting Immigrant Students Action Kit](#)
- [NLG Webinar: Know Your Risks: Immigrant Advocates vs. "Harboring" 8 USC § 1324\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)](#)

Statements

- [ABA statements](#)
- [Bar Associations Support the Rule of Law](#)

If you are interested in connecting with other law students via the NYC Metro Area Law Student Coalition, please email publicservice@brooklaw.edu.

DBP 2025 Asphalt Art Volunteer Sign-Up



Downtown Brooklyn Partnership (DBP) is offering local residents and organizations the opportunity to volunteer on a district beautification project.


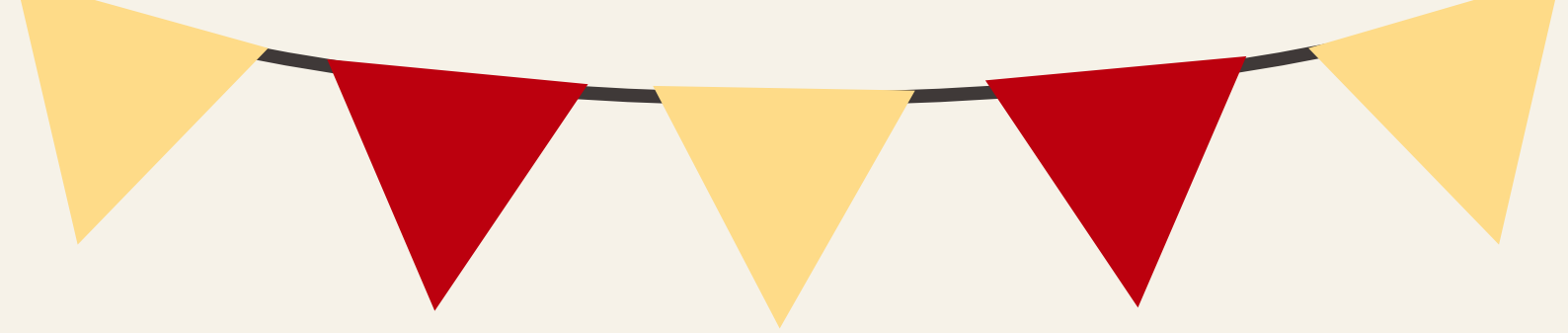
In partnership with the NYC Department of Transportation, DBP manages pedestrian spaces in the district through the Shared Streets program. These spaces will be refreshed with new "asphalt art" designed by New York artist Isolina Minjeong.

Join DBP and Isolina Minjeong in painting spaces along Willoughby, Pearl, Jay, Bridge, Hoyt, and Elm streets during the month of May.


Volunteers can join for one day or several and be part of the team bring new life to Downtown Brooklyn!

DPB will provide all necessary equipment (plus t-shirts and everlasting gratitude of behalf of the neighborhood).

Sign up to volunteer [here!](#)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025!



We want to offer one last heartfelt thank you and a huge congratulations to the Class of 2025—we're so proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see the impact you'll make in your careers to come!

The Spring 2025 semester was filled with inspiring moments and powerful programs. To name a few...in March, over 40 students dedicated their spring break to pro bono legal work in Florida, Puerto Rico, and Long Island. You can read more about the trips and the student's work [here](#). The PSLC and Sparer Fellowship Program also hosted thought-provoking events, including the panel on [vicarious trauma and resilience](#) and the [Movement Lawyering Forum](#).

Most recently, we were honored to recognize many of you—and your incredible contributions over the past three years—at the [Public Service Awards Ceremony](#). (Reminder to come get your certificate from the PSLC if you have not already!)

Although this is our final newsletter of the academic year, we'll be here all summer for counseling meetings and support. We're excited to celebrate with you at graduation! And if you're looking to get involved in pro bono work over the summer to complete your 50-hour NYS Bar requirement, don't hesitate to reach out!

With gratitude,
The Public Service Law Center Team

What is the NYS Pro Bono Requirement?

The New York Court of Appeals (22 NYCRR 520.16) requires that people seeking admission to the New York State Bar have completed 50 hours of pro bono legal work. Students are strongly advised to complete these hours while in law school, as it can be difficult to find opportunities after you graduate--especially if you are working full-time.

The rule requires each applicant to perform "At least 50 hours of law-related pro bono work." Work performed for credit, stipend, or even a salary may count if it meets all of the other requirements for qualifying work. For more information about qualifying work, see the courts' [FAQ document](#).

HOW DO BLS STUDENTS SATISFY THE NYS PRO BONO REQUIREMENT?

BLS students can satisfy the pro bono requirement in several ways, including many (not all) of our [pro bono projects](#), BLS clinics, many internships/externships, and the [Pro Bono Scholars Program](#).

You can receive credit for the hours.

Even pro bono work for which you are paid a salary can count.

HOW DO I DOCUMENT THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE NYS PRO BONO REQUIREMENT?

You must complete the [required affidavit](#) as part of your application materials for the New York bar. You do not need to submit this affidavit or any other documentation of pro bono work to BLS for purposes of bar admission. The requirement is a condition of bar admission, not law school graduation, and is imposed on individual applicants to the bar, not by or on law schools.

I'M NOT SURE IF I'VE SATISFIED THE NYS PRO BONO REQUIREMENT. HOW CAN I FIGURE THAT OUT?

Check the [courts' FAQ](#) to determine if you've fulfilled the requirement. However, ultimately only the NYS courts can determine for sure whether something counts, and we can only advise you based on other students' experience. There is an email on the FAQ that you can consult with questions.

READ MORE ABOUT THE NYS PRO BONO REQUIREMENT ON OUR BLS CONNECT PAGE [HERE](#). OR EMAIL PUBLICSERVICE@BROOKLAW.EDU WITH QUESTIONS!

EXAMS FOR NEW YORK STATE BAR ADMISSION (FOR 2LS/3LS)

If you plan to practice law in New York, you will need to take **three tests**: the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), New York Law Exam (NYLE), and Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

1. Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

The MPRE is a multiple-choice exam typically administered three times each year. **You should take the MPRE during your 2L or 3L year.**

2. New York Law Exam (NYLE)

The NYLE is administered online (but not on demand). It is typically offered three times each year. **You should take the NYLE during your 3L year.*****

****You may not register for the NYLE until you have completed the **New York Law Course (NYLC)**. The NYLC is an online, on-demand course on New York law.*

3. Uniform Bar Examination

The UBE is what people mean when they refer to "the bar exam" in NY. It is typically administered twice a year (February and July) . **You can only take the UBE after graduation (except for Pro Bono Scholars)**. The UBE is now accepted in several states.

NYLE & UBE FAQ:

<https://www.nybarexam.org/UBE/UBE.html>

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-Friday, 9 am-5 pm
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[Check out all our resources on](#)
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