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Public Service Law Center

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Sign up for our Canvas page to receive announcements on upcoming events!

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS, STAFF & FACULTY!

It was nice to meet so many of you and start the semester off right at the Public Service Law Center's annual Service Day! Take a look at more photos on the next page.

Want to stay involved in the PSLC community during the school year? Check out our Fall 2026 programs (more info on page 4) and the ~20 Pro Bono Projects (brochure [here](#)).

**You can find us in person
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm
all year in the PSLC
(ground floor, near library elevators).
Email us to schedule a meeting:
publicservice@brooklaw.edu**

SERVICE DAY 2026!

This year, 178 Brooklyn Law School students, staff, and faculty volunteered across 10 Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan locations. Partnering with local nonprofits, students helped care for green spaces, addressed food insecurity, supported immigrant youth, and worked with organizations strengthening communities. Shoutout to everyone involved for an amazing Service Day!



Find more pictures from Service Day [here](#)!

Meet the Public Service Law Center Team!

Amy Hsieh is the Executive Director of the Public Service Law Center. As a BLS alumna ('11), attorney, advocate, and non-profit professional, she has devoted her career to several public service law and policy issues, including anti-trafficking, immigration legal remedies for survivors of gender-based violence, health and human rights. Amy has also worked as an independent consultant focused on advocating for the rights of women and men living with HIV, and building organizational capacity to advance intersectional social, gender and racial justice.



Marisa Gold is the Associate Director of the Public Service Law Center. She was previously a Senior Staff Attorney at Sanctuary for Families in New York and Casa Myrna in Boston, MA, where she represented survivors of domestic violence in family law, matrimonial and order of protection matters. Marisa began her legal career as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at Lawyers for Children, where her project focused on the representation of children and youth who were survivors of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.



Madison Seda is the Program Coordinator of the Public Service Law Center. She previously worked at NYU Silver School of Social Work for NYC Communities for Health, a program dedicated to addressing historical health injustices in the Bronx community. She assisted in program outreach, providing overdose prevention trainings, harm reduction materials, and referrals to social services.





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Fall 2026 Public Service Law Center Programs

More programs may be added! Dates and locations are subject to change.

Check the [BLSConnect calendar](#) for all upcoming Public Service events.

AUG 26, 12:45-1:30PM

AND 5:00-6:00PM

COURTYARD

Student Organization and Pro Bono Project Fair

SEP 1, 12:45-1:30PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

Public Service 1L Welcome & Timeline

SEP 8, 12:45-1:30PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

Public Service 2L/3L Welcome Back & Timeline

SEP 11, 10:00AM-12:00PM

ROOM 602

**Pro Bono Project: OATH DOB Summons
Project Training**

SEP 18, 10:00AM-12:00PM

ROOM 602

Client Intake & Interviewing Workshop

SEP 23, 12:15-1:30PM

& 4:30-6:00PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

**Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law
Fellowship Information Session**

SEP 29, 3:00-5:00PM

PSLC

Public Interest Networking 101 Drop-In

SEP 29, 5:00-8:00PM

PSLC

Public Interest Networking Reception

SEP TBD

Becoming a Defender in New York City

OCT 5, 12:00-1:30PM

ROOM 402

**Workshop: Preparing for a
Public Defender Interview**

OCT 7, 12:00-1:30PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

**Defending Justice: A Conversation with Harris County, TX
Chief Defender Genesis Draper & Professor Hoag-Fordjour**

PUBLIC SERVICE PLANNING TIMELINE EVENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE 1L WELCOME & TIMELINE

Calling all 1Ls: The Public Service Law Center welcomes you to BLS! Come for lunch and a timeline of what to expect this year and beyond.

✦
TUESDAY, ✦
SEPTEMBER 1,
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM
STUDENT LOUNGE

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TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8,
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM
STUDENT LOUNGE

PUBLIC SERVICE 2L/3L CAREER PLANNING & TIMELINE

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. Lunch will be served.

Sponsored by the Public Service Law Center

Client Intake & Interviewing Workshop



With Clinical Supervising Attorney Amy Armstrong

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, ROOM 602

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 first-time pro bono project participants.**

[RSVP HERE](#) by September 14

INTERVIEWING WITH A PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE?

PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC DEFENDER INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM, ROOM 402**

Participate in a practical, hands on workshop led by Professor Lauren Roberts, a former Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice attorney, to go over how to prepare for the hypothetical and mock argument portions of public defender interviews.



UPCOMING DEADLINES

NEW YORK COUNTY (MANHATTAN) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Apply [directly online](#) for [postgrad jobs here](#) and [summer internships here](#) (for 2Ls), both with a **deadline of October 1, 2026 at 5:00pm EST.**



THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NYC

Applications for postgrad jobs in the Civil and Juvenile Practices are OPEN and will close on October 14, 2026 at 3:00pm EST.

Summer 2027 internship applications for 2Ls open September 4, 2026 and close on February 5, 2027. 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 our 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 18, 2026 at 11:59pm EST.**

**Review required application components,
learn more, and [apply here](#).**

The Public Service Law Center is available to help you with your application! If you are thinking of applying please contact the PSLC at publicservice@brooklaw.edu to set up a meeting.

Office of the New York State Attorney General



VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

»»»» 2027 ATTORNEY GENERAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ««««

About the Program

- Law students who are graduating from their JD program during the 2026-27 academic year
- Two-year placement, work as a junior attorney, receive training and mentorship
- Work for the country's premier public sector law firm doing meaningful legal work to advance equal justice
- A designated Program Coordinator who guides the fellowship experience
- Annual salary of \$87,356 + full benefits
- 2027 placements offered in Albany, New York City, and White Plains

Scan Code to Learn More



Information Sessions

September 15 @ 5:00 PM EST

September 17 @ 12:00 PM EST

RSVP Required
Scan Code to RSVP



Paladin



Attention 1Ls! Gaining Access to Pro Bono Opportunities

Brooklyn Law School partners with Paladin to provide an online platform for BLS students to access Pro Bono Opportunities both on and off-campus as well as keep track of completed pro bono hours (particularly relevant for Public Service Awards!).

All 1Ls will receive an invite email by Friday (8/28) with instructions from Paladin and from the PSLC, and all on-campus pro bono projects will be posted this week.

Website

www.joinpaladin.com

If you have trouble accessing Paladin, or have any questions, please email publicservice@brooklaw.edu

Attention 2Ls/3Ls!

Logging Pro Bono Hours on Paladin and Employer Evaluations

**All 2Ls and 3Ls already have access to Paladin, and
can access it through SSO with their
brooklaw email.**



**If you haven't done so already, please log your
pro bono hours onto Paladin!**

You can find instructions on how to here. These hours
may count for our annual Public Service Awards, which
you can find more information on here.



**Additionally, if you worked at a non-profit or
government agency this summer, we ask that you
fill out an employer evaluation.**

These evaluations are public to other students on
BLSConnect and is a great way for those interested in
an organization to get a sense of the work and
experience of their fellow classmates.

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EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS

CAREER FAIR October 8-9th 2026

Each fall, Equal Justice Works hosts its annual career fair — the largest public interest legal career fair in the country — which brings together thousands of law students, recent graduates, public interest employers, law school faculty and staff, and public interest practitioners from across the United States and its territories.

[Register here!](#)

The deadline to register is ***September 11th at 12:00 PM.***

Find more information about registration **[here](#)** and a list of participating employers **[here](#)**.

Email careerfair@equaljusticeworks.org with any questions.

After reviewing the employers list, email us for a free registration code!

**publicservice
@brooklaw.edu**

Reach out to the PSLC if you would like support in reviewing your materials and/or prep for interview.



Diversity Networking Forum

**September 10th
4:00-7:00PM**

Join advocates from NYLAG for a discussion about opportunities in public interest law, how to pursue them and how to afford it in NYC.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
767 5th Ave, New York, NY 10153
Located in the General Motors Building

NYLAG



LABOR LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2027 ARE OPEN FOR 2LS!

[EXPLORE OPEN POSITIONS HERE!](#)

The Peggy Browning Fund offers paid summer fellowship for 1L and 2L law students in union-side labor law and workplace justice advocacy. Over 10-weeks, students gain practical and substantive skills in the practice of workers' rights law and build a network that will support them through their legal education and beyond. Not only is PBF the premier labor law fellowship program, it's also a national network of over 1,500 alumni, designed to open the door and empower the next generation of workplace justice advocates. [Learn more on the website!](#)

First Round, Rising 2L's Only Timeline:

- **NOW through September 30** – Applications open to rising 2L-applicants only. Mentor orgs can begin interviewing students as they receive applications.
- **Friday, July 31, 2026** – Orgs can make their PBF selections, informing PBF staff for offers. Interviewing continue, as needed throughout August & September.
- **Tuesday, September 30, 2026** – PBF First Round Application portal closes.



Please note that this will not replace the “traditional” timeline for 1Ls/2Ls with the November application opening and December offer-making. If you decide to apply during this session, and do not secure a fellowship– you will be able to re-apply in November. Another round with more organizations will start in early November 2026.



THE 2026 NATIONAL LAW STUDENTS WORKERS' RIGHTS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN

Held annually, the **NLSWRC provides recent Fellows and progressive law students with additional insight into becoming an advocate for workers and families.** The two-day event hosts multiple substantive workshops, networking breakout opportunities, plenary sessions, and a keynote address.

This year's conference will be held outside of
Baltimore, Maryland, October 16th - 17th.

This year we are continuing our scholarship program to support labor focused law students who might not otherwise be able to attend. In considering whether or not to apply, please know that we will look closely at your interest in workplace justice and any barriers to conference attendance.

[APPLY FOR A NLSWRC SCHOLARSHIP](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 1ST

Scholarship applications are open now, closing 12 midnight PT on September 1, 2026. Winner will be announced beginning September 4th, with PBF staff contacting winners shortly after to arrange NLSWRC registration, travel details, or housing, depending on the scholarship awarded.

CELEBRATE PRO BONO

www.celebrateprobono.org

2026 NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF PRO BONO: OCTOBER 25-31, 2026

The ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service invites you to join us for the 2026 National Celebration of Pro Bono.



This year's theme-Serving Justice. Strengthening Democracy.-recognizes the essential role pro bono attorneys play in ensuring that legal problems do not prevent people from participating fully in civic life. Every act of pro bono service helps individuals protect their rights, secure stability, and engage more fully in their communities, reinforcing the foundation of our democracy.

Throughout the week, legal organizations nationwide will celebrate volunteer attorneys, highlight successful pro bono partnerships, recruit new volunteers, and showcase the life-changing impact of pro bono service.

We encourage you to be part of the celebration by:

- Hosting a recognition event for pro bono volunteers.
- Sharing stories of pro bono impact.
- Recruiting attorneys to take a pro bono case.
- Promoting the celebration through your website and social media.

Together, we can recognize the extraordinary contributions of the pro bono community and inspire even greater commitment to expanding access to justice.



*Have you heard?
You have access to the PSLC and CDC's*

CAREER CLOSET!



The career closet allows students to grab appropriate clothes for interviews and/or work. We have blazers, dresses, pants, ties, button-ups, and more! All clothes are free and for students to keep. Come to the PSLC/CDC office and check it out!

WEDNESDAYS

4:00-5:00 PM

THURSDAYS

12:45-1:45 PM

For all other times, please
email publicservice@brooklaw.edu.



If you'd like to donate items to our closet, please email publicservice@brooklaw.edu for more information.



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?

[Click here to make an appointment!](#)

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Monday–Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00PM
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Check out all our resources on [BLSConnect](#) and [sign up](#) for our Canvas page!



Quick Links

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Welcome to the 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](#). You can make an appointment with us by [clicking here](#).

