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IN YOUR INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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Our Public Service Law Careers for Transactional Lawyers event is this Wednesday!
Look on the next page for more info.

3Ls: Log Your Pro Bono Hours!

BLSPI and the PSLC are hosting an office hours for students on March 3rd to help log hours and get affidavits notarized. Come by the PSLC office between 4-8 pm!

The deadline to log your pro bono hours for the Public Service Awards is March 15!

You can find information on logging your hours on page 14.



Public Service Law Careers for
TRANSACTIONAL LAWYERS

March 4

12:15-1:45 PM

Student Lounge

Law students sometimes get the impression that public service careers all involve litigation-heavy caseloads in criminal defense, family court, or housing court. But there is a universe of public service careers in both nonprofit and for-profit contexts where lawyers work for social justice outside of the courtroom. This panel features lawyers from a variety of practice settings who provide corporate and transactional representation to affordable housing developers, cooperatives, nonprofits, small businesses, tenant associations, and social movement groups. Come learn more about their practices and their career paths.

Food will be served!

Panelists:

William Joyce, BLS '95, Director, Community & Economic Development, Build Up Justice NYC

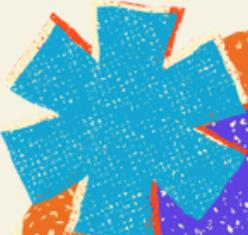
Jason Labate, BLS '12, Partner, Goldstein Hall

Ari Pomerantz, Staff Attorney, Sustainable Economies Law Center

Alexis Soterakis, Partner, Coran Ober

Rafaela Varela, Supervising Attorney, Community & Economic Development, Brooklyn Legal Services

Lauren Berke, Staff Attorney, Capacity Building, Take Root Justice



BROOKLYN LAW STUDENTS FOR
THE PUBLIC INTERESTS

PRO BONO OFFICE HOURS

**BLSPI +
PSLC**

An opportunity for 3Ls to drop in the
Public Service Law Center for help
filling out pro bono hours and have
their affidavids notarized!

**MARCH 3
FROM 4-8 PM**

**PUBLIC SERVICE
LAW CENTER**

Questions? Probono@blspi.org



BLPEC

BROOKLYN LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY COLLECTIVE



Hello Brooklyn Law & Political Economy Collective,

Big things on the horizon! Please join us this **Tuesday (3/3) at 12:45pm for our General Body Meeting (GBM)**, where we will discuss upcoming events, the Symposium, and look towards summer and beyond (!?). Whether it's your first time, you're a BLPEC veteran, or you just want to hang for lunch, we look forward to seeing you there.

In addition to our **Third Annual Student Symposium (hope your calendars are marked for 4/17)**, we have more events in the pipeline for this semester: a teach-in with **No New Jails co-presented with EPIC on March 17th**; a rescheduled screening of **American Dream, American Nightmare (date TBD)**; our third **Coffee Chat** of the semester (reach out to Liam, liam.woods@brooklaw.edu if you want to be involved); and a panel with plaintiffs-side lawyers.

From across our community, there are a ton of exciting community happenings on campus, including many stragglers from the snow-logged Race and the Law Week. **Join BLSA, LALSA, SALSA, and SJP for a Resistance in the Classroom discussion (today, 3/2, 4pm)**; a screening and panel presented by **APALSA on anti-Asian violence (tomorrow, 3/3, same time as our meeting)**; and a **closing reception for Race and the Law Week (3/3, 6pm)**.

blpecollective@brooklaw.edu

Roundtable on Guardianship and Reproductive Healthcare: Legal Standards and Clinical Realities

RSVP by Tuesday, March 3

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This interdisciplinary roundtable brings together two law professors, an OB-GYN, and a guardianship attorney to examine how reproductive decision-making functions within New York’s current guardianship framework. Focusing on current law and clinical standards, the panel will explore how courts, guardians, and healthcare providers navigate issues of capacity, consent, and autonomy. The discussion will also highlight practical challenges and consider legislative, judicial, and policy reforms aimed at better protecting reproductive rights for individuals under guardianship.

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Speakers

[Dre Cetra](#), Director of Legal Services at Project Guardianship

[Professor Sarah Lorr](#), University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

[Professor Robyn Powell](#), Stetson Law

[Dr. Stephanie Rand](#), OB-GYN at NYC Health and Hospitals Harlem

Moderator

Theresa Kircher '26, Center for Health, Science & Public Policy Fellow

Presented in collaboration with Brooklyn Law School’s Center for Health, Science & Public Policy and Disability and Civil Rights Clinic

Date & Time

Thursday, March 5
6 to 7:30 pm

The Zoom link for the webinar will be sent out prior to the event.

For more information or general inquiries, contact events@brooklaw.edu | (718) 780-0321



SUPPORTING YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE SUMMER

March 17

12:45-1:45 pm

Student Lounge

Considering working with a public interest employer this summer in an unpaid internship? Wondering if you're eligible for Public Service Funding? Should you work for BLS externship credit? How do you manage or fund multiple summer opportunities?

ATTEND THIS INFO SESSION AND GET ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS!

FOOD WILL BE SERVED!

Representatives from Financial Aid, the Public Service Law Center, the Career Development Center and the Externships Office will be there to help answer your questions.

Questions? Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu or fa.app@brooklaw.edu

NEW YORK CITY BAR

These are a list of a few CLE events that are free with your NYC Bar membership! Click on the links for each for more information and to register. You can find a full calendar [here](#).

Law student membership is low cost if you're interested in becoming a member.



New York Environmental Law Year in Review

Monday, March 9
8:30 - 10:00 am

Annual International Law Conference on the Status of Women

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Tuesday, March 10
9:30 am - 12:00 pm

NLI NEW LAWYER INSTITUTE **UPCOMING EVENT**

Careers in New York City Government

Wednesday, March 11
12:30 - 2:00 pm

Not-for-Profit Law Conference 2026

Not-for-Profit Law Conference 2026: Navigating Change & Building Resiliency

Tuesday, March 24
9:00 am - 5:00 pm



BEHIND THE WALLS:

CONDITIONS, NEGLECT, & HUMAN COST IN DETENTION



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IMMIGRATION



LI ANN SANCHEZ
FOUNDER/PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY ESTRELLA



AMILCAR VALENCIA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
EL REFUGIO



PRIYANKA BHATT
SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY
PROJECT SOUTH



MILDRED DANIS-TAYLOR
CO-FOUNDER/DIRECTOR OF
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
COMMUNITY SPARK
SOLUTIONS

Moderator

A VIRTUAL PANEL ON ZOOM

MON., MAR. 2, 2026

6:00 - 7:30PM ET

Register TODAY!



FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1-3PM

VOTING RIGHTS RESEARCHATHON

Join the BLS ACLU and the FRRC for an afternoon of pro bono research to restore civil rights to formerly incarcerated citizens

ACLU

VOTE!

For More Information & RSUP:



Summer Internships and Post Grad Opportunities for Upperclass Students

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

Summer Internships for 1Ls/2Ls

- Animal Legal Defense Fund, Legislative Affairs (New York, NY), #80092 (**paid!**)
- Anti-Defamation League, Civil Rights Fellow (New York, NY), #80269 (**paid!**)
- Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (New York, NY), #80208 (**paid!**)
- Legal Outreach, Inc. (New York, NY), #79716 (**paid!**)
- Legal Services of New Jersey, Deborah T. Poritz Summer Public Interest Fellowship (Edison, NJ), #79630 (**paid!**)
- Major League Baseball, Law Clerk, #78855 (**paid!**)
- Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, #80215
- New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, #80253
- New York City Housing Development Corporation, #80261
- New York State Insurance Fund, #80251 (**paid!**)
- Safety Net Project, Urban Justice Center (New York, NY), #79994

Postgrad Opportunities

- Communities Resist, Law Graduate/Staff Attorney (Brooklyn, NY), #79995
- Hiscock Legal Aid Society, Staff Attorney (Syracuse, NY), #80043
- HIV/AIDS Law Consortium (HALC) Staff Attorney (Albany NY), #80342
- New York City Law Department, Entry Level Attorney (New York, NY), #80040
- New York State Defenders Association, Associate Assistant Public Defender (Family Law), #80291
- Queens District Attorney's Office, Assistant District Attorney (Kew Gardens, NY), #79266

Interviews & Follow-Up

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!



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

SUMMER EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS

For more than three decades, Equal Justice America has supported law students pursuing public interest careers by funding summer fellowships with legal aid and civil rights organizations nationwide. These fellowships provide students with meaningful, hands-on experience in public service law, and many EJA Fellows go on to pursue long-term careers in public interest as a result of their fellowship experience.

**Deadline
March 23**

To apply, students must have a placement secured with an organization providing civil legal assistance to people in need. EJA Fellowships provide up to \$5,000 for at least eight weeks of full-time work. Students who receive funding from their law school or other sources remain eligible for supplemental EJA funding, up to a combined maximum of \$15,000 from all sources.

Application details and materials are available [here](#).

If you have any questions about Equal Justice America's Fellowship Program, please feel free to contact the Executive Director, Dan Ruben, at dan@equaljusticeamerica.org.

PRETERMISSION OPPOSITION WORKSHOP

B'nai Jeshrun is asking for a team of volunteer lawyers, law students, and language volunteers willing to conduct interviews and translations in Spanish, French, Wolof, or Pulaar to join a workshop and training to launch a task force for opposing the pretermission of asylum claims. Their hope is to operationalize a plan for responding to the Department of Homeland Security's recent strategy of seeking the pretermission of asylum claims made by noncitizens in removal proceedings, so that the asylum seekers can be deported to a "Safe Third Country" with which the United States has signed an Asylum Cooperative Agreement. ("ACA").



**6:30 -
8:00 PM**



**Tuesday
March 10**



**B'nai Jeshrun
257 W 88th St**

Law students will:

- Work under the supervision of attorneys and with the assistance of pro se community partners to interview asylum seekers and facts that are legally relevant to opposing pretermission, as well as respondents' underlying asylum claims.
- Be asked to take the pen for the first round of drafting individuals' briefs, populating the facts and applied arguments section of each brief with the individual asylum seeker's stories under the supervision of an attorney who will help finalize the brief for filing.

Email Eugene@interfaithcenter.org with any questions.



NASSAU COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

One of the missions of The Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation is to advance the status of women in the law.

If you wish to be considered for a scholarship, fill out the below application in its entirety and **submit it with all requested materials** to the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation.

Completed applications may be submitted by email to Irene Angelakis, Esq., Co-President of the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation, at irene@aalawoffices.com. All documents must be sent in one PDF document; multiple attachments will not be accepted. **Applications that do not include all necessary documents will not be considered.**

To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The applicant must be a resident of Nassau County.
- 2) The applicant must be a 1L or 2L.
- 3) The applicant must be a member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association. Membership is free for law students. More information and how to join can be found [here](#).
- 4) The applicant must have been accepted to and currently enrolled in an accredited law school in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Westchester, or Bronx Counties.
- 5) The applicant must have graduated college with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- 6) The applicant must have a GPA of at least 2.75 in law school at the time the scholarship application is submitted.
- 7) The applicant should maintain a GPA of at least 2.75 in law school for the year to which the scholarship funds are applied.
- 8) The applicant should display characteristics consistent with the mission of the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation.
- 9) The applicant must demonstrate financial need.

THE DEADLINE FOR [APPLICATIONS](#) IS MARCH 20, 2026.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER
MARCH 20, 2026, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Please note that the scholarship recipient(s) will be invited to attend a luncheon. Recipients and a guest are encouraged, but not required, to attend the luncheon. Good luck!



ATTENTION STUDENTS!

(especially graduating students)

The deadline to log pro bono hours for Public Service Awards is **March 15** of your graduating year. **All BLS pro bono opportunities are open on Paladin for students to log their hours until the deadline ([instructions here](#)).**

3Ls should have received an email from the PSLC with more instructions.

NOTE: All hours logged before December 15, 2025, were added to your Paladin account. If there is any information missing, you can add it yourself or let us know.



Website

www.joinpaladin.com

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

The PSLC & CDC are happy to announce the opening of our

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 office and check it out!

DROP-IN HOURS:

WEDNESDAYS
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAYS
12:45-1:45 PM

For all other times, please make an appointment by emailing publicservice@brooklaw.edu.



QUESTIONS?

Need help or advice on jobs, internships, fellowships, resumes/cover letters, interviewing, or pro bono? [Click here to make an appointment!](#)

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

Check out all our resources on [BLS Connect!](#)



Public Service

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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](#).

