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Brooklyn Law School



# IN YOUR INTEREST NEWSLETTER

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This week, the PSLC is opening a career closet! [Click here](#) to learn more.

## EXCELSIOR FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE COMING UP!

The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship is a 2-year paid postgraduate fellowship at NYS executive branch agencies.

**The deadline to apply is  
February 7!**

Find more information on [page 3](#), and email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) with any questions about the application or fellowship.

# PANEL:

# MASTERING THE PILC FAIR

Get ready to make the most of the PILC Fair from Table Talks to interviews! Hear from **John Campbell, Director of Legal Recruitment, New York City Law Department, and Laura Solecki (BLS '13), Senior Appellate Attorney, The Children's Law Center** on what to expect and how to put your best foot forward. *Lunch will be served!*

**Wednesday  
January 28  
12:15-1:45 PM  
Student Lounge**



Attention class of 2026

# LAST CHANCE TO APPLY TO THE NYS EXCELSIOR SERVICE FELLOWSHIP!

New York State Excelsior Service Fellows work full time for two years post-graduation at host NYS executive-branch agencies and authorities. More than 60% of prior classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship.



**DEADLINE:  
FEB  
7**

Interested applicants must submit the following materials in a single PDF through **Symplicity #78918**

- Resumé
- Transcript
- Personal Statement
- Two references/letters of recommendation

You can find a recording of the Excelsior info session [here](#) and more information about the position on Symplicity posting #78918.

*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!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**DROP-IN**      **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**THURSDAYS (starting Feb 5)**  
**12:45-1:45 PM**

**For all other times, please make an  
appointment by emailing  
[publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).**



# PILC FAIR DEADLINES

Waiting to hear back from PILC? Don't stress! These are important dates to keep in mind.

Check out the [PILC Fair website](#) and reach out to the PSLC at [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) with any questions!

## **~JANUARY 30: INTERVIEW SCHEDULES PUBLISHED**

Students can schedule an interview prep with one of us at the PSLC (email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)) or with their career counselor!

## **FEBRUARY 2-4: FREE INTERVIEW SIGN-UPS (FOR THOSE ALREADY REGISTERED) AND TABLE TALK REGISTRATION (SEE [FAQ ON PILC WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFO)**

**FEBRUARY 2, 12:15-1:45PM:** The PSLC will host a drop-in session to provide last minute tips and support for interviews and table talks!

## **FEBRUARY 4, 4:00PM: DEADLINE TO CANCEL INTERVIEWS AND TABLE TALKS (SEE [PILC FAQ](#) ABOUT LATE CANCELLATIONS)**

## **FEBRUARY 5-6: PILC FAIR INTERVIEWS & TABLE TALKS!** PSLC is available for standby support on both days.

Find resources for the PILC Fair on this [page](#), including our [Essential PILC Fair Tips Sheet](#) and [slideshow](#) on navigating the PILC Fair portal.



## Paladin: New Platform for Pro Bono Opportunities!

Last week, Brooklyn Law School launched our partnership with Paladin, an online platform allowing BLS students to access Pro Bono Opportunities both on and off-campus as well as keep track of completed pro bono hours.

**All BLS students received an invite email with instructions from Paladin and from the PSLC. Please follow the contact instructions in each pro bono opportunity description!**

**Website**

[www.joinpaladin.com](http://www.joinpaladin.com)

If you have trouble accessing Paladin, or have any questions, please email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)

# National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)

## Annual Prosecutor Job Fair

#BeTheFutureOfJustice (Washington, DC)



**NDAA's National Prosecutor Job Fair Returns in 2026!**

**Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2026, Washington, D.C.**

Join NDAA on **Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, 2026**, in Washington, D.C., for the nation's premier prosecutor job fair, connecting law students and attorneys with prosecuting agencies from across the country.

Whether you're a law student exploring career paths, an attorney considering a lateral move, or someone looking to transition into prosecution, this event is your gateway to opportunities in a justice-driven career. Meet recruiters from offices nationwide hiring for entry-level, lateral, and internship positions and gain insights into the rewarding work of public service.

Justice-driven students and attorneys who have a passion for advocating for the rights of all involved in the criminal justice system should attend. An opening night networking reception will take place on Saturday, Jan. 31 for employers and job seekers. The next day, job seekers will have an opportunity to learn more about offices and job openings, attend workshops, and be interviewed on the spot in the afternoon! **Free for job seekers.**

[\*\*Register here!\*\*](#)



Brooklyn Law Students for the  
Public Interest

# BLSPI FELLOWSHIP

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Every year, Brooklyn Law School first- and second-year students are selected as BLSPI Fellows. Fellows work in a diverse array of public interest, public service, and human rights organizations in New York City, nationally, and, increasingly, internationally as well. The fellowship funds up to \$6,500 per fellow for students working in public interest internships over the summer. You do not have to have an internship secured to apply.

APPLY BY:  
FEB 15,  
2026



BLSPI\_Brooklyn

[Fellowship@blspi.org](mailto:Fellowship@blspi.org)

# LAW and ORGANIZING ACADEMY



We invite current law students from New York-area law schools or with New York-area summer internships to apply to our fourth annual Law & Organizing Academy (LOA), to be held on May 20- 21, June 5, July 10, and July 24, 2026 in various locations in New York City and one day in upstate New York. LOA 2026 is jointly organized by The Action Lab (TAL) and NYU Law's Initiative for Community Power. The Law and Organizing Academy (LOA) brings law students for a short course of study to build community and learn key frameworks and skills at the intersection of organizing, law, and political economy.

To apply to LOA, please fill out the online application no later than **February 27, 2026**.

Application Materials:

1. Google Form scan QR code at the bottom of the page or go to <https://forms.gle/puR845737ziYT YEH8>

2. Cover letter/personal statement: This statement, which should not exceed one page double-spaced, should detail your interest in and experience with 1) power-building work and/or 2) social change.

3. Resume

Are you interested in the role of law and organizing in transformative social change?

Are you currently attending a law school in NYC or will you be interning in NYC this summer?

If so, apply to the 2026 Law and Organizing Academy!



SCAN QR CODE

If you have any questions, please reach out to Daniela Tagtachian at [daniela@actionlabny.org](mailto:daniela@actionlabny.org)

# 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

- American Civil Liberties Union (Multiple Locations), #79720 (**paid!**)
- Center of HIV Law and Policy (New York, NY), #79839 (**paid!**)
- Charleston Pro Bono Legal Services, Ackerman Fellowship (Charleston, SC), #78842 (**paid!**)
- Institute for Justice, Dave Kennedy Fellow (Multiple Locations), #79515 (**paid!**)
- Legal Services of New Jersey, Public Interest Fellowship (Edison, NJ), #79630 (**paid!**)
- New York State Office of the Attorney General, Public Service Fellowship (Multiple Locations), #79727
- Virginia Office of the Attorney General (Richmond, VA), #78674

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## Postgrad Opportunities

- Communities Resist, Law Graduate/Staff Attorney (Brooklyn, NY), #79995
- Environmental Defence Fund, Clean Air Protection Legal Fellow (Washington, DC), #79831
- Equal Justice America, Post-Graduate Veterans' Rights Fellowship (Washington, DC), #79971
- Disability Rights New York, Staff Attorney (New York, NY), #79642
- Mobilization for Justice, Housing Rights Law Graduate (New York), #79313
- Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County (Bronx, NY), #79819
- Virginia Office of the Attorney General, 2026 Honors Fellowship (Richmond, VA), #79329

## 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!

# DEADLINE APPROACHING LAST CHANCE TO APPLY!



## The Legal Aid Society of NYC Opportunities

Applications for Summer 2026 internships for  
**1Ls until February 6, 2026 at 3:00 PM:**

- Civil Practice Legal Intern
- Criminal Defense Practice Legal Intern
- Juvenile Rights Practice Legal Intern
- Law Reform Legal Intern

Applications are open for Summer 2026 internships for  
**2Ls until February 6, 2026 at 3:00 PM:**

- Civil Practice Legal Intern
- Juvenile Rights Practice Legal Intern
- Law Reform Legal Intern
- Criminal Defense Practice Legal Intern

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.

# Dorothy E. Roberts Public Interest Essay Competition

The competition is open to all current law students, including LLM students, from any ABA-accredited American law school as well as recent graduates of such institutions from the classes of 2018 – 2025. Submissions are limited to one per person and must be an original, unpublished academic essay. The winning essay will be published in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online. The author will receive a \$5,000 grant to support their related public interest work or the work of a non-profit organization or pro bono clinic and a \$2,000 cash prize.

## TOPIC

Student-authored articles on the topic of social justice and public interest law. Submissions must focus on a specific legal issue within the realm of public interest law, including any issue relating to social justice or advancing the general welfare and good of the public. In addition, the author must include a brief grant proposal for \$5,000 to support public interest work related to the essay topic. Topics can be local, state, national, or international in breadth or impact.

**Deadline for submission is February 28, 2026.**

Find more information about the essay and grant proposal requirements [here](#), along with the online submission portal.



# The Havens Wright Center for Social Justice

## Erik Olin Wright Prize

The Erik Olin Wright Prize (\$1,000) is awarded annually by the Havens Wright Center for Social Justice for a paper by a graduate or professional student that best exemplifies the concerns that animated Wright's work. You can find a brief description of his work and more information about the prize on this [website](#).

Eligible submissions can come from any of the social sciences, history, or philosophy, and any professional discipline. Submissions are welcome from universities outside the U.S., but they should be submitted in English. One submission is allowed per applicant. Two documents are required.

1. The student work to be considered. This can be no more than 15,000 words (excluding references but including footnotes). Published works may be considered so long as they were completed within the previous calendar year (i.e., between April 16, 2025 - April 15, 2026).
2. A nominating letter from a faculty member familiar with the student's work.

**Submissions, in whole or in part, may be sent between March 1 and April 15 each year and should be sent to [wrightprize@ssc.wisc.edu](mailto:wrightprize@ssc.wisc.edu).**

Submissions received after April 15 will not be considered.

# QUESTIONS?

Need help or advice on jobs, internships, fellowships, resumes/cover letters, interviewing, or pro bono?  
Email us to make an appointment!

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Public Service Law Center  
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
[publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)

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



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