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Over spring break, BLS students traveled near and far providing pro bono services. Read about their experiences on [page 4!](#)

Need help with summer funding?

PSLC summer fellowships are now open on Symplicity. Find more information on [page 3](#) and apply **by April 10!** You can also find a recap of our Supporting your Public Service Summer Info Session [here](#).

Graduating students can apply for the BLS Public Interest Bar Prep Award, providing a fully funded BARBRI Premium bar prep course. Find more information on [page 5!](#)

Recap of Supporting Your Public Service Summer: Funding and Other Options

Have a summer internship but need to figure out funding or credit? You can access the [recording](#) and [slides](#) from our info session!

Below are some topics covered:

1

Applying for Public Service Funding

Information about PSF can be found on the Office of Financial Aid's [page](#).

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PSLC Summer Fellowships

Find a list on the [next page](#) and look on Symplicity for more information.

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Externship Deadlines

Access externships on [CORE](#) and read more about it on the Externship Offices [page](#).

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Funding and Externships

Information on how to combine credit with partial summer funding.

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External Sources of Funding

A list of commonly offered external funding sources can be found [here](#).

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW CENTER SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Deadline:
April 10

All postings and full descriptions on Symplicity

KATE WELLING DISABILITY RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

This \$5,000 Fellowship is to be awarded each summer to a student who interns at a nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance or advocacy for persons with disabilities. **Posting #80554.**

Application Requirements: Resume, statement of interest, letter of acceptance from internship organization

MINNA KOTKIN WORKERS' RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

This \$5,000 Fellowship offers an opportunity for students to perform legal work advancing workers' rights over the summer. Internships at these organizations will last approximately 10 weeks and are supervised by the host organization.

Posting #80552.

Application Requirements: Resume, statement of interest, letter of acceptance from internship organization

ROLAND THAU PUBLIC DEFENDER FELLOWSHIP

This \$5,000 fellowship will be awarded to one Brooklyn Law School student with a summer internship at a public defender's office (any practice, including but not limited to criminal defense). **Posting #80555.**

Application Requirements: Resume, cover letter, letter from employer confirming internship placement

CATALYST PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

The 2026 Catalyst Public Service Fellowship Program, a program of The New York Bar Foundation, was created to encourage and enable first year law students who would not otherwise be able to do so to gain practical legal experience in the public sector. Each selected fellow will receive a \$5,000 fellowship grant. **Posting #80553.**

Application Requirements: Completed application form, resume, unofficial law transcript, letter from employer confirming internship placement

Questions? Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu

PRO BONO SPRING BREAK TRIPS: RECAP!



“I was so inspired to see brand new attorneys fight with such skill and with all their hearts for their clients, not just in court but crafting and collaborating on motions in preparation. For example, I got to hear a few brilliant Assistant Public Defenders discuss whether to frame a motion to suppress around a 5th amendment "knowing waiver" issue or a 6th amendment "invocation of counsel" issue. The APD I shadowed fought tooth and nail over an invalid driver's license charge, and I was on the edge of my seat through the trial and came away hopeful even though the judge ultimately ruled against the defense on the traffic charge.” - Drew Pizzo '28

**BLAST:
Miami Office of the Public Defender**

“Truthfully one of the coolest and most rewarding legal experiences I've had in law school so far. We each got to work with low-income senior citizens to help them draft wills and advanced directives. We were able to connect with each person and then help them to get their wishes written down in a legally meaningful way. We worked with several attorneys from the Jacksonville area, and it was invaluable to see how they interacted with clients. Ultimately, we truly had an experience we will never forget.” - Jeff Erkelens '28



BLAST: Jacksonville Legal Aid



“Five Brooklyn Law School students had the honor of spending their spring break working alongside the Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Facultad de Derecho, and the Clinica de Asistencia Legal. Throughout the week, we focused on domestic violence advocacy, special education, and the legal challenges facing communities dealing with displacement and gentrification.” - LALSA

**LALSA:
Puerto Rico Pro Bono Legal Brigade**

Students partnered with the Long Island based legal services organization CARACEN to interview immigrant clients and assist with the preparation of applications for asylum. Students also spent a day in federal immigration court in downtown Manhattan volunteering with the “Friend of the Court” program, with many students appearing on the record with pro se litigants.



Asylum Relief Project

BLS Public Interest Bar Prep Award

The purpose of the BLS Public Interest Award is to encourage and support graduating students committed to serving the legal needs of underrepresented individuals and communities through public interest work. This award provides a fully funded* BARBRI Premium bar preparation course to a limited number of students who have secured, or are actively working with the PSLC to secure, a qualifying public interest post-graduate position serving these populations. Unlike many peers entering private practice, students pursuing public service are typically responsible for covering their own bar preparation costs, which can be a significant financial barrier. This award aims to reduce that burden and promote access to public sector careers. Recipients will be selected based on a combination of demonstrated commitment to public interest, financial need, and academic performance. Students who have already paid for a BARBRI course in part or in full are eligible to apply for this Award and receive it as a refund.

*Award recipients are responsible for the refundable book deposit (\$250) and shipping cost (\$30) if they want hard copy books.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Email the following documents as a single pdf file to publicservice@brooklaw.edu no later than Friday, April 10 at 5PM.

1. Personal Statement explaining your post-graduate commitment to providing legal services to people who are experiencing economic hardship and systemic barriers (Please also indicate if you are applying for or have received funding from any other sources.)
2. Resume
3. Employment Letter (if available, note that in order to be eligible starting salary may not exceed \$75,000 annually)
4. Transcript (unofficial copy is accepted)
5. FAFSA (if applicable)

Questions? Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE



invites all students to our

PASSOVER LIBERATION SEDER

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 6 PM - 8 PM | SUBOTNICK

RSVP AT [TINYURL.COM/BLSPASSOVER](https://tinyurl.com/BLSPASSOVER)

Need to do spring cleaning? Want to update your wardrobe?
If so, you are in luck!

CLOTHING SWAP

Presented by BLSPI Co-sponsored by BLS Events Office, OUTlaws, LALSA, & JLSA



When: April 6th, 12 pm to 5 pm

Where: Student Lounge

Please drop off gently used clothing and accessories from March 30th to April 3rd at the campus security desk on 250 Joralemon Street. Donations will also be collected during the event.

Everything leftover will be donated to charity



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Edward V. Sparer
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP

PRACTICING ABROAD: AMERICAN LAWYERING IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW



Join us for a panel on the practical realities of American lawyers working in international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and domestic practice areas that engage international doctrine. The discussion will explore panelists' professional journeys, offer concrete advice for prospective lawyers navigating a field without a clear roadmap, and highlight examples of practice pathways in both U.S. and international settings. Panelists will also examine the evolving influence of American lawyers in global systems, the role of international law in addressing today's democratic and human rights challenges, and how race shapes both the substance and institutional practice of international human rights law. Panelists include:

- Sarah Leah Whitson (DAWN & Human Rights Watch)
- Professor Emerson Sykes (ACLU)
- Professor Danielle Tully



APRIL 8TH | 12:00–1:45 PM

SUBOTNICK 10TH FLOOR

To RVSP, email marva.skeene@brooklaw.edu by April 6th



Brooklyn Law School



National Lawyers Guild &
Students for Justice in Palestine

cordially invite you
to our

ALUMNI DINNER

 Wednesday,
April 8, 2026

 6:00 -
8:00 p.m.

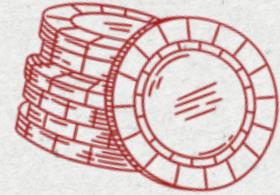
Please RSVP at
tinyurl.com/bestofBLS



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2026 BLSPI Auction



*Join Brooklyn Law Students for the
Public Interest for our annual
charity auction*

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7 p.m.

Forchelli Center
205 State St.



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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:



Book Talk on Making the Best of Semen: Prospects for Law and Regulation

Hear author [Anita Bernstein](#), Anita and Stuart Subotnick Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, in conversation with [Bridget Crawford](#), University Professor and Professor of Law at Pace University, as they discuss Professor Bernstein's new book [Making the Best of Semen: Prospects for Law and Regulation](#) (NYU Press, December 2025).

About the Program

Despite the pervasive controls on sexual reproduction through law, medicine, religion, and other frameworks, one active participant has escaped its share of deserved attention. Semen is the quintessential hazardous substance, a fluid that delivers unique benefit along with unique risk. Yet until now nobody has set out to control it.

In [Making the Best of Semen](#), Professor Anita Bernstein takes on a difficult yet essential topic in the first book to address the regulation of semen. The benefits and harms that semen delivers when it travels onto mucosa are not only extraordinary: they also lie within the reach of regulation. Bernstein lays out the problem of unmentionability that shields semen from controls and documents the upheavals for which this substance is responsible.

Read [the Q&A](#) about this book with Professor Anita Bernstein

Date and Time

Tuesday, April 14, 6-7 PM
Reception to follow

Location

Subotnick Center
250 Joralemon St

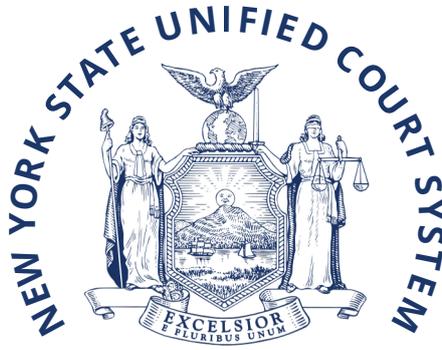
RSVP [HERE](#) BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10

**PETEY GREENE, EPIC, AND WOCA
PRESENT...**

GENDERED (IN)JUSTICE: WOMEN AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

Come join us for a virtual webinar to learn about the systemic barriers, unique pathways to incarceration, and the profound impact of gender-responsive policies on women navigating the criminal justice system. Discover how you can support these women through the Petey Greene Program!

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
STUDENT LOUNGE
FOOD (NOT PIZZA) WILL BE SERVED!**



New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice
together with Albany Law School
invite you to attend the

New York State Permanent Commission's 2026 Law School Conference:
**Lawyering in Complex Times: Access to Justice
and the Rule of Law as Foundations of
Professional Identity**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 • 1:00 pm, via Zoom

This virtual conference will examine leadership, access to justice, and the rule of law through the lens of professional identity formation. The conference will bring together New York and national thought leaders and representatives from law schools, law students, civil legal services organizations, the courts, and community partners to examine how legal education and all its partners can cultivate lawyers' commitments to ethical practice, public service, independence, and the responsibility to uphold the law. Topics will include independence, service to those of limited means, and the duty to uphold and defend the rule of law.

Pre-registration is required

This free conference is open to everyone. Law students are especially encouraged to attend and may indicate their interest in participating in a [post-conference networking session](#).

To register, [click here](#) or scan the QR code. CLE accreditation is pending.



Summer Internships and Post Grad Opportunities

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

- Brooklyn Legal Services (Brooklyn, NY) #80475
- City Bar Justice Center (New York, NY) #79455
- Disability Rights New York (New York, NY) #79247
- Gender Equality Law Center (New York, NY) #80596
- Kids in Need of Defense (Newark, NY) #80649
- Make the Road New York, Workplace Justice (NYC) #80726
- The Legal Aid Society, Housing Justice Unit (New York, NY) #80591
- Legal Outreach (New York, NY) #79716
- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (New York, NY) #79193
- NYC Employees' Retirement System (Brooklyn, NY) #80600
- NYC Fire Department, Legal Intern (Brooklyn, NY) #80609
- NYC Housing Authority (New York, NY) #80638
- NYC Housing Development Corporation (New York, NY) #80261 (**paid!**)
- NYS Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 1st Judicial Department (New York) #80599
- NYS Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 2nd Judicial Department (Multiple Locations) #80690 (**paid!**)
- Queens Legal Services (Jamaica, NY) #80624

Postgrad Opportunities

- Essex County Public Defender's (Elizabethtown, NY) #79708
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (Albany, NY) #80518
- Legal Services NYC (New York, NY) #78548
- NYC Administration for Children's Services (New York, NY) #80653
- NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (New York, NY) #80651
- NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 2nd Department (Brooklyn, NY)
- Sanctuary for Families (New York, NY) #80349
- South Brooklyn Sanctuary (Brooklyn, NY) #80630

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!

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!](#)



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](#).

