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Wondering how you will make ends meet as a public interest attorney in NYC?

Next Monday, April 20th from 12:15–1:45 PM in the Student Lounge, we will be hosting a panel of public interest lawyers and representatives from Financial Aid to discuss how to thrive as a public interest attorney in NYC!

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](#).

2

Arthur Pinto Public Service LGBTQ Rights Summer Fellowship

Find more info on [page 3](#) and Symplicity #80790.

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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](#).

ARTHUR PINTO SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP FOR LGBTQ RIGHTS '26

The Fellowship will award a grant of \$5,000 for the summer of 2026 to students who intern at a nonprofit organization or government agency that works on behalf of LGBTQ rights law or represents LGBTQ individuals. The fellowship can take place locally or outside of New York.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Personal statement addressing the reasons for working in the area of LGBTQ rights law
2. Resume
3. Transcript
4. Letter of acceptance by the internship organization



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY,
GO TO SYMPPLICITY POSTING #80790**



APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 17



THIRD ANNUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Moot Court Room

the only symposium solely featuring
BLS students & scholarship.

moderated by BLS professors.

doors open at 9am. lunch served for
attendees. happy hour to follow.

RSVP HERE



non-BLS
attendees
must register
in advance

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BROOKLYN LAW & POLITICAL ECONOMY COLLECTIVE





How to Thrive as a Public Interest Lawyer

Hear from public interest lawyers on how they made ends meet and navigated their careers in public interest right out of law school and beyond!

Learn about postgrad *financial assistance* available for graduates pursuing careers in public interest and public service!

Speakers include:

- **Alba Morales**, Assistant Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School
- **Lauren Price '15**, Associate Director of Civil Justice Practice, Brooklyn Defender Services
- **Nigel Thompson**, Director of Financial Aid, Brooklyn Law School
- **Mary K. Bechler**, Regional Director, AccessLex

Non-pizza lunch will be provided!



Monday, April 20
12:15-1:45 PM
Student Lounge



**DEADLINE
EXTENDED!**

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 [Wednesday, April 22](#).

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, [not required](#)**). 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

**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!**

CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP



CALL FOR APPLICANTS!

Want to help bring directly impacted voices into the classroom and work on meaningful criminal justice reform?



Apply for the Center for Criminal Justice Fellowship (June 2026–May 2027)!

Fellows collaborate on classroom programming, events, advocacy, and research projects — all while gaining hands-on experience and working alongside community partners. The fellowship requires just 2–5 hours per week and includes a \$3,000 stipend.



Scan for full
application
details!

**APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 17TH BY 5PM**



Avoiding Deed Theft



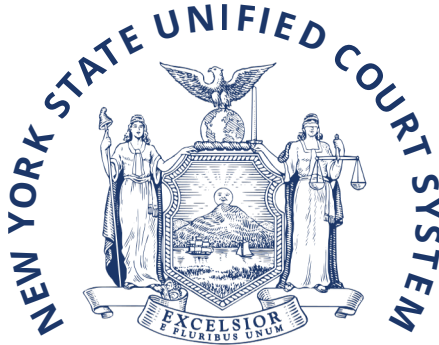
Avoiding Deed Theft: A Homeowner's Guide Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 from 6-8pm

With housing prices still on the rise, scammers are looking for ways to get control of your home. Protect your home from deed theft and other scams, learn how to safeguard your home now and for future generations.

This class presented by Brooklyn Legal Services is intended for homeowners and their families.

Register for the Zoom Meeting [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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
 - CAMBA Legal Services Housing Unit (Staten Island, NY), #80445
 - 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 Housing Authority (New York, NY) #80638
 - NYS Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 1st Judicial Department (New York) #80599
 - NYS Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 2nd Judicial Department, Family Defense (Multiple Locations) #80690 (**paid!**)
 - Queens Legal Services (Jamaica, NY) #80624
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Postgrad Opportunities

- Hiscock Legal Aid Society (Syracuse, NY) #80719
- New York State Defenders Association, Criminal Defense (Bath, NY) #79760
- New York State Defenders Association, Family Defense (Bath, NY) #79759
- NYC Administration for Children's Services (New York, NY) #80653
- NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (New York, NY) #80651
- NYS Supreme Court, New York County (New York, NY) #80190
- 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!

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.

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!

*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

[Career Resources](#)[Funding Public Service](#)[Experiential Learning](#)[Pro Bono](#)

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](#).

