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Brooklyn Law School
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JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION WITH NYC'S 83RD CORPORATION COUNSEL, STEVEN BANKS!

On Weds., **October 28th, 12-1:45pm**
in the Moot Court Room,
Corporation Counsel Steven Banks,
the 2024 Recipient of BLS'
Distinguished Commitment to
Public Service Award, and several
other BLS alumni serving as City
attorneys in various practices areas
will share a firsthand account of the
Corporation Counsel's vision for the
Law Department and lawyering in
City government.

Find more information on the
[next page](#) and [RSVP here!](#)



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**The Role of the
Municipal Government Lawyer:
A Conversation with
NYC Corporation Counsel Steven Banks &
BLS Alumni at the NYC Law Department**

**Wednesday, October 28
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Moot Court Room**

Please join us for a conversation with Corporation Counsel Steven Banks, the 2024 Recipient of BLS' Distinguished Commitment to Public Service Award, and several other BLS alumni serving as City attorneys and who work in various practices areas. Mr. Banks will share a firsthand account of the Corporation Counsel's vision for the Law Department and lawyering in City government. Learn about the breadth of the Law Department's practice, connect with alumni who have built rewarding careers in municipal law, and learn about their career trajectories and current work.



PLEASE RSVP HERE

FOOD WILL BE SERVED IN THE MOOT COURT LOBBY



LAW STUDENT FOR A DAY

**VOLUNTEER TO BE A
HOST ON OCT. 27TH!**

PSLC is looking for a few law students in
Professor Simonson's Criminal Law
class at 10:45am on Tuesdays to
accompany high school students to
class on October 27th!

The Law Student for a Day program
connects high school students with
BLS students to shadow their morning
class and ask about law school.
Hosts will also be invited to participate
in a breakfast and/or lunch.

LAW STUDENT FOR A DAY
INTEREST FORM

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Questions about participating? Email:
publicservice@brooklaw.edu

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Public Interest Summer Internship Application Workshop

Monday, November 2
12:00 – 1:30 PM
Room 502



GET READY FOR YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER INTERNSHIP SEARCH!

- Learn how to draft a public interest/public service resume and cover letter
- Focus on the unique expectations of public sector employers
- Highly recommended for all 1Ls, as most students pursue government or non-profit internships their first summer
- This program complements the Career Development Center's resume and cover letter modules
- Lunch will be provided



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and Brooklyn Law School's Center for Health, Science & Public Policy

Reproductive Rights on the Frontlines: A Conversation with Pregnancy Justice

Wednesday, November 4
12:00-1:45 PM
Student Lounge
Lunch provided!

A longtime advocate for women's health and reproductive justice, Pregnancy Justice president **Lourdes Rivera** discusses the state of reproductive rights in the U.S., both legally and through a racial and social justice lens, the work of Pregnancy Justice, and her career path.



Pregnancy Justice advances and defends the rights of pregnant people, no matter if they give birth, experience a pregnancy loss, or have an abortion. They provide criminal defense, advocate for legal and policy change, publish cutting-edge research, and equip partners in the field with analysis, training, and narrative framing.

Please **RSVP [here](#)** by
Thursday, October 29

PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL CAREER FAIR



The Public Interest Legal Career (PILC) Fair is a virtual career fair held annually in February and is attended by 300+ public interest employers. Many hire summer interns through the fair, and it is a major source of summer internships for 1Ls. There are also some permanent post-graduate job opportunities available.

GET PREPARED FOR THE PILC FAIR WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW CENTER!

INS AND OUTS OF THE PILC FAIR

NOVEMBER 12

12:45 - 1:45 PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

Hear from current students who secured an internship from the PILC Fair last year and learn how to maximize your chances for an interview. Lunch will be served!

APPLYING FOR INTERNSHIPS AT THE PILC FAIR: GUIDE TO THE PORTAL

NOVEMBER 17

12:45 - 1:45 PM

ZOOM

We'll show you how to successfully navigate the PILC Fair's website and best use PILC Fair's online portal to apply for internships. Find Zoom link on the BLSCConnect Calendar.

FALL 2026 ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR 2LS AND 3LS

Meet Mariah Vitali, Brooklyn Law's Associate Director of Student Advising!

Mariah is available to help with understanding the BLS curriculum and to offer advice about selecting courses that satisfy your academic requirements and support your professional goals.



Mariah will offer the following events for students in advance of Spring 2027 course registration, which will occur later this semester (more information about registration is forthcoming from the Registrar's Office).

Info Session: "Degree Requirements and Opportunities"

Tuesday, October 20, 12:45 to 1:45PM, Room 601

Lunch will be served

- Open to 2Ls and 3Ls (including part-time students)
- This session will provide an overview of graduation requirements and course selection considerations, and will review of the content of the April 2026 Rising 2L Information Session
- A similar session for current 1Ls will be offered in the Spring

Office Hours/Drop-In Academic Advising Sessions

Have questions about course offerings, certificates, what to register for, or how to satisfy your degree requirements? Come to Advising Office Hours, either individually or as a group! RSVP Optional. If you can't make it to Office Hours, email **mariah.vitali@brooklaw.edu** to set up an alternative appointment.

- Wednesday, October 21 - 10AM to 1PM, Room 600
- Monday, October 26 - 1:30 to 3:30PM, Room 600
- Thursday, October 29 - 9 to 11AM, Room 600
- Monday, November 2 - 4 to 6PM, Room 604
- Wednesday, November 4 - 1:30 to 3:30PM, Room 600

upcoming **PRO BONO PROJECT & PUBLIC INTEREST** meetings & trainings

10/26
12-1:45 PM

Schools Consent Project Info Session and Training, Room 402

blsschoolsconsent@brooklaw.edu

10/27
**12:45-
1:45 PM**

Immigration Court Assistance Project Training, Room TBD (Check BLSCConnect)

icap@brooklaw.edu

10/28
**12:15-
1:45 PM**

Decarcerating Survival: The Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act for All Panel Discussion, Subotnick 10th Floor

[RSVP Here](#)

11/4
6-8 PM

LELA: Careers in Labor Roundtable/Networking Event, Forchelli

Sponsored by the PSLC

11/13
1-2:30 PM

National Lawyers Guild: Fall Legal Observer Pro Bono Project Training, Room TBD (Check BLSCConnect)

nlg@brooklaw.edu

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FIELD TRIP
OFF CAMPUS



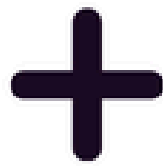
WEDNESDAY, OCT 21ST

MEET AT ONE METROTECH CENTER
AT 9:45AM OR
IN BLS COURTYARD AT 9:15AM TO
WALK OVER AS A GROUP.



USE THE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP!

BLS LEGAL
HACKERS
PRESENTS:



OCT. 26, 2026
6:30PM - 8:00PM

STUDENT LOUNGE

The Rise in Prominence of Tech Facilitated Gender- Based Violence

Join Legal Hackers
during Domestic
Violence Awareness
Month for a panel
discussion on the issue
of gender-based violence
assisted by technology,
and how the legal field
should approach a
solution.

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Behind Closed Doors: Affordable Housing & Disability Rights Panel Discussion

November 2
4-6 PM
Zoom

About the Program

This panel will examine how housing conditions, affordability, accessibility, and policies affect people living with disabilities in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) housing. The discussion will center on the experiences of residents in NYCHA housing, exposing the unique challenges faced by NYCHA residents with disabilities. The discussion will also touch on the broader challenges individuals and families face when trying to find affordable housing that is accessible.

People living with disabilities often encounter significant barriers at every stage of the housing process, from finding an affordable and accessible unit to requesting accommodations, navigating public benefits, and accessing the services they need to live safely and independently. For NYCHA residents, these challenges are compounded by situations such as delayed repairs of accessibility features, as well as instances where residence staff attempt to take advantage of tenants they perceive to be especially vulnerable.

Topics for this panel may include housing applications, recertifications, accessibility and reasonable accommodations, in-home medical and support services, housing discrimination and tenant protections, and navigating NYCHA housing for families with disabilities, among other topics.

Sponsored by **Brooklyn Law School's Disability and Civil Rights Clinic.**

RSVP by Thursday, October 29.

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Argument

✦ Prepare Students for a
Debate Competition

Meet with high school students three
times over the course of the semester
to prepare them for a debate on a First
Amendment issue!



Scan for more info

EMAIL IF INTERESTED:

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UPCOMING PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS BEYOND BLS!

**OCTOBER 27,
12:30-1:30PM
WEBINAR**

Nonprofit Readiness: Protecting Staff, Clients & Mission in the Current Immigration Enforcement Environment

NYLPI's Pro Bono Clearinghouse invites nonprofit organizations for a practical training on the Nonprofit Resiliency Network's latest guidance for responding to immigration enforcement activity.

Learn how to address employee rights, client and participant protections, and potential detentions and arrests. The training is best suited for nonprofit leaders concerned with immigration enforcement impacts on organizational activities and operations. The webinar will also address documentation practices, organizational policies, risk management, and preparedness planning to help your organization respond effectively and confidently.

This session is presented in partnership by New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), Lawyers Alliance for New York, and Lowenstein Sandler as a part of the Nonprofit Resiliency Network.

Register [here](#).

UPCOMING PUBLIC INTEREST EVENTS BEYOND BLS!

OCTOBER 27, 2:00PM

Virtual Volunteer Open House: Lawyers for Good Government

L4GG's mission is to mobilize attorneys to engage in pro bono work to promote democracy and the rule of law, protect civil and human rights, and advance environmental justice for all Americans. The Open House will feature welcome remarks from our inspiring Founder and Executive Director, Traci Feit Love, followed by more intimate gatherings in break out rooms with staff from our programs. You can register for the event [here](#)!

**NOVEMBER 12,
2:30-6:00PM**

AT FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL

Collaborating for Impact Training

Education Law Center is offering law students, early career attorneys, and policy advocates interested in education advocacy the opportunity to attend our annual Collaborating for Impact Training on school funding litigation and advocacy. This convening is designed to support the next generation of policy advocates and movement lawyers dedicated to protecting and advancing fair school funding and educational equity. At the conclusion of the program, attendees are invited to join an evening reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Fordham Law School, which provides an opportunity to network with additional attorneys and advocates working in this field.

Due to limited space, we ask that you please email Patrick Cremin at pcremin@edlawcenter.org by October 26 if you would like to attend.

Spring & Summer Internships for Upperclass Students

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

Spring externships on Symplicity:

- District Council 37 Municipal Employees Legal Services, Family Law & Immigration Unit (NYC), #82575
 - Good Shepherd Services (NYC), #82227
 - NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (NYC), #82572 (Trials), #82570 (Special Education)
 - Legal Aid Society of Nassau County (Hempstead, NY), #82634
 - New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYC), #82057
 - New York Waterfront Commission (NYC), #82313
 - Surrogate's Court Help Center, Kings County, #82177
 - The Legal Aid Society, Law Reform Legal Intern (NYC), #82456
 - The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, #81864 (**paid!**)
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Summer internships for 2Ls on Symplicity:

- Advocates for Children of New York, #82331
- Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law, Liberty and National Security (NYC), #82584
- Brooklyn Defender Services, Family Defense Practice, #82149
- Colorado State Public Defender, #81346 (**paid!**)
- Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (Remote), #82067
- Pregnancy Justice (NYC), #82629 (**paid!**)
- TakeRoot Justice (NYC), #82516 (**paid!**)
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (New York), #82047

NOTE: 2Ls can also apply for summer internships and 3Ls for postgrad jobs at the PILC Fair in February.



LABOR LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP 1L & 2L SUMMER APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON!

[EXPLORE ORGANIZATIONS 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!](#)

Round 2 applications for 1Ls & 2Ls:

- **November 6, 2026** – Applications open to 1L & 2L-applicants. Mentor orgs can begin interviewing students as they receive applications.
 - Round 2 organizations will be updated throughout the month of October & November.



For more information, please see [Fellowship Information](#).
Please reach out to info@peggybrowningfund.org if you have any questions.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

1L & 2L SUMMER

Contact publicservice@brooklaw.edu for help with your applications!

JANET D. STEIGER FELLOWSHIP PROJECT

The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project provides law students with the opportunity to work in the consumer protection departments of state and territorial Offices of Attorneys General and other consumer protection agencies.

The eight to ten-week paid Fellowships were initiated in 2004 by the ABA Antitrust Law Section as a consumer protection outreach initiative to introduce law students to the rewards of legal careers in public service.

Each selected student will receive a \$6,000 stipend.

Find more information and apply here by November 30, 2026.

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY (NYC)

Offers are made on a rolling basis, so early application submissions are encouraged!

Summer 2027 internship applications for 2Ls are open and **close on February 5, 2027.**



Interested in becoming
a public defender
after graduation?

Apply to the BPDA
Law School Fellowship



Details

1. **Who can apply:** Students committed to public interest/public defense
2. **Benefits:** Paid fellowship, mentorship, skill-building workshops, professional networking
3. **Trial Institute:** Students receive an intensive trial advocacy training that prepares them for their hands-on fellowship
4. **Additional Support:** Students may receive up to \$1,500 to help with relocation expenses

**Student Applications are due
on Friday, October 30, 2026**

[Link to Application](#)

[Register here](#) to (virtually) meet the host sites on October 21!

- Prospective applicants can meet representatives from participating public defender offices, learn about available fellowship placements, hear from former BPDA fellows, and ask questions about the fellowship experience.

The Black Public Defender Association Law School Summer Fellowship offers law students an invaluable opportunity to explore a career in public defense. At BPDA, we emphasize the significance of holistic defense, equipping fellows with the skills and knowledge to make a meaningful impact. The program includes an intensive week-long trial advocacy training to prepare participants for their roles, along with lifelong mentorship to support their professional journey.

Find more information about the Law School Fellowship on the BPDA website and brochure.



[2027 BPDA Host Site Brochure](#)



[BPDA website](#)

PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE

Call for Papers

TOPIC

Access to Justice: Impactful Approaches

Practising Law Institute (PLI) is pleased to announce our second annual call for law student papers. The selected article(s) will be published in the **PLI Chronicle**, our open access periodical.

Writing a **PLI Chronicle** article gives law students a direct line to PLI's extensive audience of more than 450,000 legal professionals — including 95% of Am Law 100 firms, over 900 nonprofit and public interest organizations, as well as educators, government experts, and other thought leaders. This is a great opportunity for students looking to amplify their voice and connect with the minds that shape today's legal landscape.

For this call for papers, the **PLI Chronicle** is seeking submissions that explore student perspectives on access to justice initiatives.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Impactful efforts by your law school community to address access to justice issues and provide civil legal services to low-income individuals**
- **The intersection of legal education and access to justice efforts**
- **Resources for law students who are interested in access to justice initiatives or related careers**
- **How access to justice initiatives are utilizing emerging AI technologies**
- **What access to justice initiatives appear most effective from your view as a law student**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Eligibility:** Students currently enrolled in law school
- **Required Materials:** Article, brief resume or CV, law school name, and expected graduation year
- **Word Limit:** 2,500 words
- **File Format:** Microsoft Word
- **Citation Format:** No footnotes, but hyperlinks to outside sources are welcome
- **Generative AI Policy:** Submissions must reflect the student's original thinking and writing and may not be drafted using generative AI
- **How to Submit:** Email plipress@pli.edu

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2026

ABOUT THE PLI CHRONICLE

The **PLI Chronicle** is an open access periodical available exclusively on PLI PLUS, the award-winning legal research platform of PLI Press. It offers concise, original insights from legal practitioners, scholars, and industry experts. Published in monthly issues, it features focused, timely pieces on practice-area developments, emerging trends, technology, professional development, and the business of law.

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**Law Students!
Call for Papers**



*Check out the winning
publication of the 2025
call for papers [here](#)*





Justice Catalyst 2026-2027 Fellowship

Justice Catalyst administers one-year, potentially renewable, project-based fellowships for graduating law students, or graduates up to two years out of law school, to support innovative public interest work at nonprofit organizations, as well as unions, government agencies, and plaintiff-side or public interest law firms.

Final application submissions will be open **TODAY** on the Justice Catalyst website and **close on December 1, 2026**.

View the 2026 Info Session and details about priority issue areas, priority strategies for justice, and more at www.justicecatalyst.org/fellowships/jc-fellowships

Email fellowships@justicecatalyst.org with any questions about the fellowship or applications!

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.



**In recognition of pro bono week taking place October 25-31,
the PSLC celebrates the incredible work of some
Brooklyn Law School pro bono projects happening this year!**

UNCONTESTED DIVORCE PROJECT

Volunteers for the Uncontested Divorce Project work with victim-survivors of domestic violence who identify as women. Volunteers conduct interviews, meet with clients, prepare divorce petitions, and file court papers under the supervision of Sanctuary for Families.

Ava Ascher '28, Gail Tynkov '29, and Christina Vrabel '28 are this year's pro bono project leaders!

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS SUMMONS PROJECT (NEW!)

Volunteers in the Department of Buildings Summons Project represent primary residents who have received a DOB summons. Volunteers review violations, build a defense strategy, and argue a case in front of a hearing officer under NYLAG supervision, gaining training in case preparation, client counseling, oral advocacy, and direct experience with administrative hearings.

Emma Conforti '27 is the inaugural pro bono project leader!

PAROLE ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Parole Advocacy Project partners student volunteers with people incarcerated across New York State as they prepare to go before the parole board. Volunteers support applicants in preparing for parole interviews, preparing a packet to provide to the parole board, and in getting access to resources while they are incarcerated and if they are granted release.

Last year, they successfully helped parole to be granted for three clients.

Sophia Rome '27 and Diego Arvelo '27 are this year's pro bono project leaders!

SUSPENSION REPRESENTATION PROJECT

Volunteers in the Suspension Representation Project advocate for students to keep them in school and on a path to graduation – avoiding the pervasive “school-to-prison pipeline”. The project provides comprehensive training on interviewing and counseling, hearing procedures, direct and cross examination techniques, and developing a “theory of the case” so that they can effectively represent students and their families in front of hearing officers.

Connor Cahill '28, Emma Delk '28, Ryan Paolicelli '28, Max Fleischman '28, Allie Sullivan '27, and Gabriel Seymour '28 are this year's pro bono project leaders!

*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.



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 [BLSConnect](#) and [sign up](#) for our Canvas page!



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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](#).

