

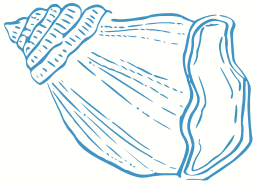
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NEWSLETTER



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Are you a rising 3L? Now is the time to think about postgrad fellowships! More on the [next page](#).

Welcome to our 1L summer starters!



We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! For the summer starters, the PSLC is open all summer, so feel free to stop by and say hello! Also join our [Canvas page](#) to receive notifications about upcoming events.

Throughout July, the Sparer program is hosting a student-led Summer Legal Theory Institute. If interested, you can find more information on [page 5](#) and [register here](#).



For Rising 3Ls: Postgraduate Fellowships Summer Information Session and Q&A

Postgraduate fellowships are a great way for public interest lawyers to launch their careers – and now is the time for rising 3Ls to be thinking about proposals!

Join us for an overview of the many types of fellowships available, including project-based opportunities like Equal Justice Works and Skadden, and different organizations currently soliciting applications for fellowship sponsorship, including the Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice, Immigrant Defense Project, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

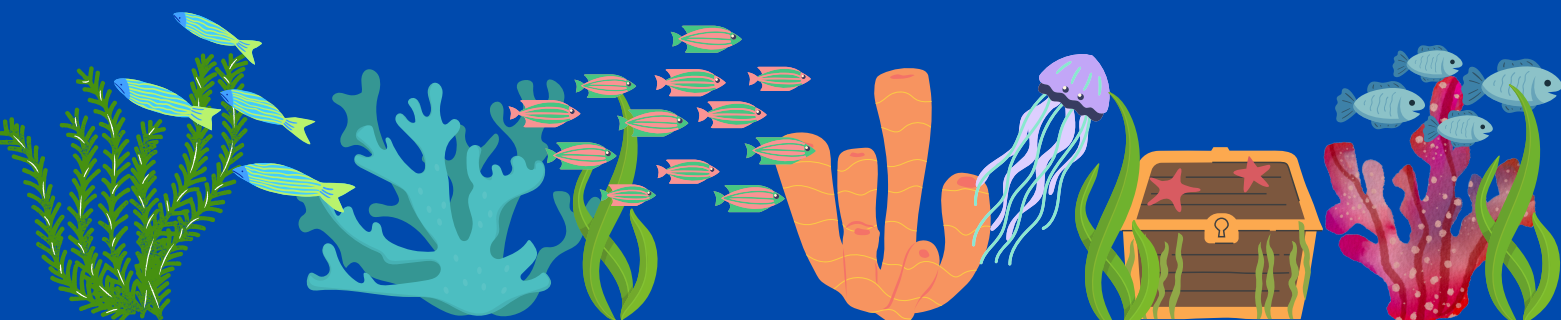
Many preliminary deadlines are happening now so we strongly suggest that anyone thinking about fellowships attend this session and also make an appointment with the PSLC to discuss your own fellowship path.

Postgraduate Fellowships Information Session

Monday, June 22, 2026

1:00-2:00pm

Zoom link on BLS Connect



LA LAW LIBRARY AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICES PRESENT: POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This panel discussion will provide information regarding a variety of postgraduate fellowship opportunities, including the Equal Justice Works, and Skadden Fellowships. Topics covered will include how to find a sponsor organization, how to ensure quality recommendations, how to develop a project proposal, how to shop it to sponsor agencies, and more.

June 24th
12:15-1:15pm
Zoom information
will be emailed
prior to start time

Register here!

A CAREER WITH PURPOSE: OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NYC LAW DEPARTMENT



MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

New York City Bar

42 West 44th Street

Free for members, \$20 for non-members

**Find more information
and register [here](#)**

| DESCRIPTION

The New York City Law Department is growing rapidly and actively recruiting talented attorneys to help meet the City's most urgent and evolving legal needs. For anyone considering a career in government service—or seeking work with real impact—this program offers a rare opportunity to hear directly from newly appointed Corporation Counsel Steven Banks as he lays out a bold vision for the future of the Law Department.

Attendees will then hear from a panel of attorneys who are on the front lines defending the City's laws, advising agencies, and supporting public servants. Panelists will share candid insights about their practice areas, the challenges and rewards of their work, opportunities for growth and leadership, and why they have chosen careers grounded in public service and purpose. The evening concludes with a networking reception, where attendees can connect with attorneys from multiple divisions, explore the types of matters they handle, and learn more about the litigation, advisory, and strategic skills they are developing and the collaborative culture that defines the Law Department experience.

| SPEAKERS

Steven Banks, Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department

Desiree Alexander, Senior Counsel, Labor and Employment Law Division, New York City Law Department

Jasmine Georges-Yilla, Chief of the Executive Litigation and Policy Group, New York City Law Department

Hannah Faddis, Assistant Deputy Chief of Trials, Special Federal Litigation Division, New York City Law Department



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PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP

JULY 2026 STUDENT-LED SUMMER LEGAL THEORY INSTITUTE

LAW AS SUBJECTIVE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY

6:00–8:00 pm
July 6, 14, 22, 30
Subotnick

Refreshments and Discussion

Weekly advanced reading capped at 25 pages

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

**“OBJECTIVITY” AND THE LAW
RACE, GENDER, POVERTY, AND CRIMINALITY
CONTEXT IN CONLAW
MARGINALIZED AND ALTERNATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:



Questions?
legaltheory@brooklaw.edu

The Legal Aid Society Attorney Fellow - Criminal Defense Practice Fellowship Proposal Invitation

For 2027, Legal Aid Society is seeking proposals for the Criminal Defense Practice's law reform units, the practice's postconviction units, the DNA Unit, and/or the LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit by June 30, 2026. Areas of interest for proposals include, but are not limited to:

- Assist DNA Unit attorneys to present trial defenses centered on the uncertainties and limitations in forensic evidence – e.g., related contributors to a DNA mixture – while developing a strategic litigation approach to increase defense access to this as Brady material (SLU and DNA Unit)
- Support challenges to the marginalization of people with psychiatric disabilities impacted by the criminal legal system, including developing strategies to tackle systemic deficiencies in the availability of mental health services, community-based services, and housing, for individuals with psychiatric disabilities who are entering the criminal legal system, are presently involved in the legal system, or are leaving incarceration. (SLU)
- Improving outcomes for transgender people in NY's criminal legal system, from policing to incarceration (SLU/PRP and LGBTQ+ Unit)
- Parole litigation and other advocacy for reforms regarding release from prison (Post-conviction)
- Litigating racial justice in post-conviction work (Post-conviction)

The deadline to apply is June 30th.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://legalaidnyc.org/fellowships/>

Set up an appointment with the PSLC by emailing publicservice@brooklaw.edu to go over your application/ fellowship proposals!



LABOR LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2027 ARE OPEN FOR 2LS!

[EXPLORE OPEN POSITIONS 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!](#)

First Round, Rising 2L's Only Timeline:

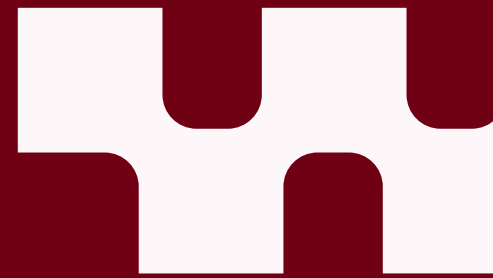
- **NOW through September 30** - Applications open to rising 2L-applicants only. Mentor orgs can begin interviewing students as they receive applications.
- **Friday, July 31, 2026** - Orgs can make their PBF selections, informing PBF staff for offers. Interviewing continue, as needed throughout August & September.
- **Tuesday, September 30, 2026** - PBF First Round Application portal closes.



Please note that this will not replace the "traditional" timeline for 1Ls/2Ls with the November application opening and December offer-making. If you decide to apply during this session, and do not secure a fellowship- you will be able to re-apply in November. Another round with more organizations will start in early November 2026.

September 14-25, 2026

PUBLIC SERVICE RECRUITING



Hosted by the Public Service Law Center

What is it?

Public Service Recruiting is a virtual interview and resume collection for 2L summer internships and post-graduate jobs in public service. Many employers will be participating, including Brooklyn Defender Services, the NYC Law Department, and more!

When is it?

Applications will be due in mid-August and interviews will occur September 14-25. Look out for an email from the PSLC via Symplicity in early July with instructions on how to participate.

Reach out to the publicservice@brooklaw.edu with any questions!

PRO BONO LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you're interested in leading one of these projects, you can [apply here!](#)

Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu with any questions



Uncontested Divorce Project
Assist survivors of domestic violence in completing and filing paperwork to seek an uncontested divorce.



Schools Consent Project
Assist in delivering law student-led school workshops designed to educate young students in NYC on the legal definition of consent and related legal topics.



Department of Building Summons Project (with OATH)
Assist building owners (and often small business owners) to respond to summons from Department of Buildings in administrative proceedings.



For Rising 3Ls:

The NY State Pro Bono Scholars Program

The NY State Pro Bono Scholars Program (PBSP) is a statewide program established by the New York Court of Appeals that allows students in their final year of law school to sit for the February Uniform Bar Exam. Following the bar exam, Scholars engage in two activities for academic credit and, if they pass the bar exam and complete the PBSP satisfactorily, graduate with the rest of their class and are admitted to the New York bar in June.

From early March to late May 2027, Scholars will work full-time providing qualifying direct legal services to individuals who would not otherwise have access to justice. Scholars must also complete the requirements of the law school's academic component. Scholars must complete 520 hours total of qualifying pro bono work and academic work. During the spring semester, Scholars will be enrolled at the law school, paying tuition.

Please see the courts' [Pro Bono Scholars Guide](#) for a description of the program and the kinds of pro bono work that is eligible. Read more about the program details, important deadlines and BLS requirements on [BLS Connect](#). You can find a non-exhaustive list of employers participating the Pro Bono Scholars Program [here](#).

To Apply:

Submit an application to publicservice@brooklaw.edu no later than July 6, 2026, and attach a current resume; a transcript; and a letter stating why you are interested, what kind of work you would like to do, and your preferred or confirmed host organization.

Questions about the PBSP should be addressed to publicservice@brooklaw.edu

The Legal Aid Society of NYC Fall Externship Deadlines

Applications are open for
Fall 2026 internships until

September 30, 2026 at 3:00 PM:

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

***All offers made on a rolling basis, so
early applications are encouraged!***

The Public Service Law Center is
available to help you with your
application! Please contact us at
publicservice@brooklaw.edu
to set up a meeting.

KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

Clarify due dates and ask about priorities when juggling multiple assignments.

TREAT YOUR INTERNSHIP LIKE A JOB

Be on time and present during your set schedule. Let your supervisor know in advance if you'll be late or absent.

BE PROFESSIONAL IN EMAILS

Use a respectful tone, correct formatting, and proofread before sending.

RESPECT YOUR SUPERVISOR'S TIME

If dropping by, ask if it's a good time to meet and/or schedule regular check ins.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

If you are going to court, wear a suit or similar attire.

TAKE YOUR WORK SERIOUSLY

Your cases matter. Treat clients with respect and meet deadlines diligently.

TIPS FOR SUCCEEDING AT YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP

Here are some tips for impressing your supervisors, getting the most out of your internship and doing right by your clients!

PROTECT CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Never leave sensitive information on an answering machine or discuss a case with anyone unless specifically authorized. If you are disposing of documents with personal information about a client (such as Social Security numbers), shred rather than recycle.

ASK GOOD QUESTIONS

Find the right balance between taking initiative and getting needed supervision. Asking questions is important to ensure that you're on the right track, but think carefully about your questions before asking them and try to find your own answer. Then, if and when do you consult your supervisor, present your own answer as a possibility. Even if they do not agree with it, your supervisor will likely appreciate your efforts and initiative.

PROOFREAD!

Any and all submissions should be clean, clear, and typo-free.

Paladin



Attention Summer Starters! Gaining Access to Pro Bono Opportunities

Brooklyn Law School partners with Paladin to provide an online platform for BLS students to access Pro Bono Opportunities both on and off-campus as well as keep track of completed pro bono hours (particularly relevant for Public Service Awards!).

All summer starters will receive an invite email with instructions from Paladin and from the PSLC. Pro bono leadership opportunities are currently posted, and all on-campus pro bono projects will be posted in August.

Website

www.joinpaladin.com

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



pro bono successes

2025-2026

Unemployment Action Center

had 6 clients with 2 students working on each, and they all won their cases!

Parole Advocacy took on 4 clients and 3 were granted parole!

Immigration Court Assistance Project

successfully served 7 clients by completing country condition packets for active immigration cases!



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!

EXAMS FOR NEW YORK STATE BAR ADMISSION (FOR 2LS/3LS)

If you plan to practice law in New York, you will need to take **three tests**: the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), New York Law Exam (NYLE), and Uniform Bar Exam (UBE).

1. Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

The MPRE is a multiple-choice exam typically administered three times each year. **You should take the MPRE during your 2L or 3L year.**

2. New York Law Exam (NYLE)

The NYLE is administered online (but not on demand). It is typically offered three times each year. **You should take the NYLE during your 3L year.*****

****You may not register for the NYLE until you have completed the **New York Law Course (NYLC)**. The NYLC is an online, on-demand course on New York law.*

3. Uniform Bar Examination

The UBE is what people mean when they refer to "the bar exam" in NY. It is typically administered twice a year (February and July) . **You can only take the UBE after graduation (except for Pro Bono Scholars)**. The UBE is now accepted in several states.

NYLE & UBE FAQ:
<https://www.nybarexam.org/UBE/UBE.html>

*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!

SUMMER HOURS:

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

****Open all summer!****

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM – 5:00PM

publicservice@brooklaw.edu

Check out all our resources on

[BLS Connect!](#)



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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](#).

