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NEWSLETTER



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Graduating students!
There is still time to apply for the BLS Public Interest Bar Prep Award. Find more information on [page 3!](#)

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2026!



We know you'll accomplish great things after you've graduated! The Public Service Law Center is still here for you. Reach out for public service career help anytime, whether in 6 months, 5 years, or beyond!

And for all students--we are open all summer to help you with planning your next year, applying for fall internships, post-grad positions and anything else you need! Check out our [public service timelines!](#)



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!



TODAY!!!!!!
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

RM: 605 | TIME: 12:45

APRIL 22

GENERAL INTEREST MEETING

PRO BONO PROJECT ADVOCATING FOR PRISONER'S RIGHTS

STUDENTS CAN:

- REPRESENT CLIENTS IN DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS
- WORK WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY'S PRISONERS' RIGHTS PROJECT
- RECEIVE SUPERVISION FROM PROFESSORS MOGULESCU, MORALES, GODSOE & ROBERTS
- BUILD REAL ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE THROUGH DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES AND EARN QUALIFYING PRO BONO HOURS

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. ALL STUDENTS WELCOME.
COME LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

**Brooklyn Law
Students Against
Solitary Confinement**



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

Externship Deadlines

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

**DEADLINE: APRIL 24
(with or without placement)**

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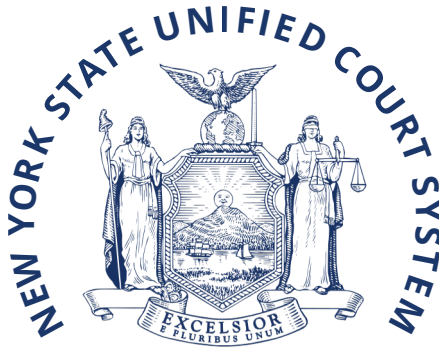
Funding and Externships

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](#).



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
- Good Shepherd Services (New York, NY) #80840
- Kids in Need of Defense (Newark, NJ) #80649
- Make the Road New York, Workplace Justice (New York, NY) #80726
- Legal Outreach (New York, NY) #79716
- NYC Employees' Retirement System (Brooklyn, NY) #80600
- NYC Housing Authority (New York, NY) #80638
- NYS Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 2nd Judicial Department, Family Defense (Multiple Locations) #80690 (**paid!**)
- Queens Legal Services (Jamaica, NY) #80624
- Staten Island Legal Services (Staten Island, NY) #80666

Postgrad Opportunities

- Hiscock Legal Aid Society, Family Court Program (Syracuse, NY) #80719
- Institute for Justice, Litigation Fellow (Multiple Locations) #79606, #79607
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (Multiple Placements) #80810, #80809, #80807
- Legal Services NYC, Housing (New York, NY) #78548
- New Jersey Office of Administrative Law (Trenton, NJ) #80521
- 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
- Queens District Attorney's Office (Kew Gardens, NY) #80613
- 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

We want to offer one last heartfelt thank you and a huge congratulations to the Class of 2026—we're so proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see the impact you'll make in your careers to come!

The Spring 2026 semester was filled with inspiring moments and powerful programs. To name a few...in March, over 30 students dedicated their spring break to pro bono legal work in Florida, Puerto Rico, and Long Island. You can read more about the trips and the student's work [here](#). This year, the PSLC had our most successful **Service Day** to date, and the Sparer Fellowship Program celebrated **40 years of Public Service Excellence** thanks to our many amazing public interest graduates.

We are honored to recognize many of you—and your incredible contributions over the past three years—at this year's upcoming **Public Service Awards Ceremony**. Be on the lookout for photos from the event!

Although this is our final newsletter of the academic year, we'll be here all summer for counseling meetings and support. We're excited to celebrate with you at graduation! And if you're looking to get involved in pro bono work over the summer to complete your 50-hour NYS Bar requirement, don't hesitate to reach out!

With gratitude,
The Public Service Law Center Team

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!](#)



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](#).

