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## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NYS PRO BONO REQUIREMENT?

Stop by the Clinic Fair on  
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Student Lounge!

The PSLC will be doing a  
drop-in Q&A about the  
pro bono requirement  
and ways the PSLC can  
support you in fulfilling  
your hours.

# ***EVENT RECAP***

## ***Justice in Action: Exploring Careers in Public Defense Across New York***

Thank you to everyone who attended our public defender panel! If you missed it, you can view the entire panel discussion [here](#).



Check out the link below to access resources and job postings provided by Albany County Defender's Office, Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, Neighborhood Defender Services, New York County Defender Services, Steuben County Defender's Office, and New York State Defenders Association.

[Justice in Action: Public Defender Resources](#)

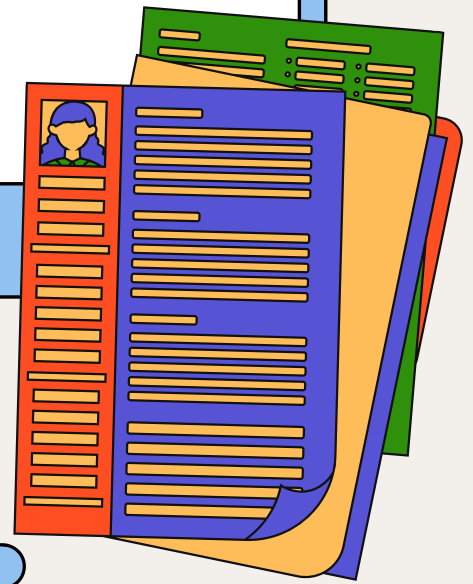


# **PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**12:15 - 1:30 PM**

**ROOM 503**



## **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
- **FREE LUNCH!**

# IMMIGRATION COURT ASSISTANCE PROJECT

ICAP

**OCTOBER 22**

**12:15-1:45PM**

## INFO SESSION AND TRAINING

Come learn about the project  
and how you can help  
immigrants seeking asylum  
to the United States

**Food will be served!**





upcoming

# PRO BONO PROJECT & PUBLIC INTEREST meetings

10/15  
12:00 -  
1:45 PM

Unemployment Action Center General Body Meeting and New Advocate Training, Room 600

Puerto Rico Legal Brigade Info Session, Room 505

10/15  
12:45 -  
1:45 PM

10/16  
5 - 8 PM

Courtroom Advocates Q&A Session with Sanctuary for Families, Room 601

Brooklyn Law Alternative Spring Break Trip (BLAST) Info Session, Room 604

10/20  
12 - 1 PM

10/23  
12:45 -  
1:45 PM

BLSPI October General Body Meeting, Room 601

If/When/How Panel on Reproductive Justice, Student Lounge

10/23  
6 - 9 PM



If you'd like to feature an upcoming pro bono project event flyer in our newsletter, email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)!



# *Alternative*

# SPRING BREAK

BLAST IS A **FUNDED** OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS  
INTERESTED IN **PUBLIC SERVICE WORK** TO WORK WITH PUBLIC  
DEFENDERS & PUBLIC AID ORGANIZATIONS IN **FLORIDA** WHILE  
EARNING **PRO BONO HOURS** FOR THE NY BAR!

**INFO SESSION: OCTOBER 20TH      QUESTIONS?**  
**ROOM 604, 12:00PM      [PROBONO@BLSPI.ORG](mailto:PROBONO@BLSPI.ORG)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**



Spring Break: March 9-13th  
Funding for flights & lodging included



# Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship Info Session Recap + Application

The Sparer Fellowship offers \$6,500 summer stipends to BLS students who intern in public interest law.

Applied before? You can apply again!

The Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship prepares lawyers to work for social justice. The core component of the Sparer Fellowship Program is a 8-10 week paid summer internship with a public interest organization in the U.S. or abroad. Fellows also attend monthly luncheons that highlight current public interest issues, and help plan academic events. Throughout their law school years and beyond, fellows are mentored by faculty experts who teach courses and have rich backgrounds in this area of the law, as well as leading professionals and distinguished alumni fellows practicing in this area.

If you missed the info sessions, watch the recording on our PSLC Canvas page [here](#) and learn more [here](#)!

**Applications due by October 30, 2025!**

Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) to make an appointment for help with your application. Get info on other sources of summer funding for public service [here](#).

BLPEC | BROOKLYN LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY COLLECTIVE

# COFFEE CHAT

## Neoliberalism and Corporate Resistance to Consumer Activism

Please join BLPEC for discussion on the origins of neoliberalism, and the corporate countermovement against consumer activism during the 1960s and 1970s. The Discussion will focus on a reading from Luke Herrine's "The Folklore of Unfairness."

Refreshments  
will be served!

10/14  
9:30AM  
Room 505



READING WE'LL DISCUSS



The Brooklyn Law and Political Economy Collective  
(BLPEC) & the Housing Justice Clinic present:



# Film Screening

Followed by a Panel on Deed  
Fraud with Janina Davis and  
Lienhard & Grumbach PLLC

**October 15 at 6:00 pm**

Subotnick Center  
(250 Joralemon St, 10<sup>th</sup> Fl)

**Food and Refreshments  
will be served**  
**Read about  
the film [here](#)**

**RSVP Here:**



# ***LGBTQ+ Rights: Fighting Back and Moving Forward***

## **ABOUT THE DISCUSSION**

This lecture will provide a historical overview of the rights that LGBTQ+ people have achieved over the past decades, how those rights are now being challenged on multiple fronts, and what we can do to restore those rights and move forward in making greater change in the future. The discussion features Chai Feldblum, former Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). It will be moderated by Susan Hazeldean, Associate Dean of Experiential Education, Professor of Law, and Director of the LGBTQ Advocacy Clinic at Brooklyn Law School.

Sponsored by: Brooklyn Law School's Center for Health, Science & Public Policy, LGBTQ Advocacy Clinic, and OUTLaws

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For general inquiries regarding this event, please contact the Brooklyn Law School Office of Events at [events@brooklaw.edu](mailto:events@brooklaw.edu) or (718) 780-0321.



### **ABOUT CHAI FELDBLUM**

- Longtime civil rights advocate and scholar in LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights, and disability rights
- Former vice chair of the AbilityOne Commission, focused on employment of people with disabilities
- Co-founded Pride in Exile and EEO Leaders to protect LGBTQ+ people and respond to attacks on civil rights

### **DATE & TIME**

**10/16/2025**

**5:30 PM - 7 PM**

### **LOCATION**

Brooklyn Law School  
Student Lounge  
250 Joralemon St.





# Diversity Networking Forum

## *November 13, 5:00 - 7:00 PM*

New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) is hosting our annual Diversity Networking Forum on Thursday, November 13th from 5:00 – 7:00pm.

The Public Interest Law Diversity Networking Forum is a space for current law students and recent grads to learn about careers in public interest law, how to pursue them, and how to afford it all. This panel discussion will highlight important information for law students and give them an opportunity to speak with our staff about how to navigate challenges and obstacles along this career path. There will also be resume reviews and interview preparation available.

**RSVP here.**

Event will take place at 767 5th Ave, New York, NY 10153.

Attendees can let security know they are looking for Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and they will direct them upstairs and to the room.

**NYLAG**

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### NEW YORK COUNTY (MANHATTAN) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Applications are open for:

- 2L Summer internships, rolling  deadline until **November 1, 2025**



### THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NYC

Applications are open for:

- Postgrad jobs in the Civil, Juvenile and Criminal Practices until **December 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm**
- Summer 2026 internship for 2Ls until **February 6, 2026 at 3:00PM.**


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

### IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Each year IJC awards Justice Fellowships to recent law graduates from around the country – individuals with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to providing legal services for low-income people and immigrants.

IJC trains Justice Fellows to become experts in immigration law and pairs them with leading non-profit legal services providers and community-based organizations. IJC matches selected Fellows with partnering host organizations based on the applicant's experience and interest, gaps in services within the community, location interests, and partnering host organizations' needs.

Learn more and apply [here](#)!

**Applications are due on   
Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 11:59 pm.**

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





YOU ARE INVITED

# The Basics of Clerkship Applications

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. ET**

Are you interested in clerking, but don't know where to begin? Join ACS for [The Basics of Clerkship Applications](#), a virtual event on the nuts and bolts of clerkship applications for state and federal courts. The event will cover all the steps of the application process, including selecting courts and judges; cover letters; resumes; and recommendations. Anyone considering clerkships, including 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, or new lawyers in practice should attend.

Judge **Dale Ho**, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, will give opening remarks.

Panelists:

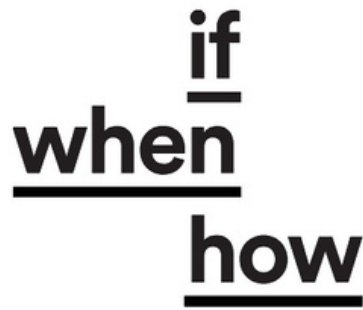
**Victoria Sheber**, Former Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

**Joey Vettiankal**, Former Judicial Clerk, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky

**Jasmine Marchbanks-Owens**, Judicial Clerk, Mississippi Court of Appeals

**Blake Phillips**, Former Judicial Clerk, Montana Supreme Court

[Register for the event.](#)



Lawyering for Reproductive Justice

## Applications open for If/When/How's Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program!

**Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so get your materials in as soon as possible for full consideration!**

Looking for ways to put reproductive justice principles into action after graduation?

**If/When/how is currently accepting applications**

on a rolling basis for the

2026-28 cohort of

Reproductive Justice Fellows, with positions based in New York, Texas, and remote.

Learn more about

If/When/How's Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program [here](#).

As criminalization and surveillance of our pregnancies and bodily autonomy increase, we need more trauma-informed, client-centered lawyers who can fight state violence within and beyond the legal system.

This is an opportunity for emerging lawyers to gain two-years practical experience and support while engaging in direct legal services, policy advocacy, organizing, harm reduction, and client-centered lawyering.





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, held 5/18-22 (virtual)
4. **Additional Support:** Students may receive up to \$1,500 to help with relocation expenses

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.

**Student Applications are due  
on Friday, October 31, 2025** ★

[Link to Application](#)

Register for the fellowship mini-series!

- [BPDA: The Fellowship Experience](#), 10/15
- [Meet Your Host Site](#), 10/22

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



[2026 BPDA Host  
Site Brochure](#)



[BPDA website](#)

# New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program

Excelsior Service Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies and authorities, advancing the operational and legal aspects of important policy initiatives. Fellows will also participate in a Professional Development program focusing on leadership development and the fundamentals of New York State government. After completing the Excelsior Service Fellowship Program, exceptional fellows may continue to serve New York State. More than 60% of prior classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship.



## Program Requirements

- Candidates must have earned their graduate degree (i.e., MPA, MA, MBA) or an advanced degree (i.e., JD, PhD) in the 2025-26 academic year. Generally, this means August 2025–May/June 2026.
- Candidates must be eligible to work for New York State without employer sponsorship.



## Fellowship Placements

Candidates are encouraged to note their areas of interest and any preferred placement agencies; however final placements will be dictated by budget and the needs of state government. Law school graduates will be placed in legal assignments unless they expressly request otherwise. While some opportunities exist in New York City and elsewhere in the state, most agency placements are located in Albany.

Sample placements include:

- NYS Executive Chamber
- Department of Environmental Conservation
- Empire State Development
- Office of Children & Family Services
- Department of Health

## Application Process

Applications and nominations for the 2026 New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program will be administered by participating partner schools. **Interested applicants should submit the following materials in a single pdf through Symplicity #78918:** resumé, transcript, personal statement, and two references/letters of recommendation.

There will be **virtual information sessions** this fall, the links can be found below. **Please save one of the following dates!**

- **Option 1: Tuesday, November 18, 5:00-6:00pm**
  - Join at [this link](#)
  - Access code: 2838 773 8118
  - Password: XaMFcu2D6N5
- **Option 2: Wednesday, December 3, 12:00-1:00pm**
  - Join at [this link](#)
  - Access code: 2834 207 3188
  - Password: 6gX4BaQnK27



Department of  
Civil Service

Scan to learn more or visit [ny.gov/ExcelsiorFellowship](https://ny.gov/ExcelsiorFellowship)



## GREATER COLORADO FELLOWSHIP

The Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel (ADC) is excited to announce a unique and innovative fellowship opportunity. We are looking for someone who is passionate about indigent defense and intends to live, work, and build a private practice in rural Colorado, where there is a great need for excellent legal counsel.

**The Greater Colorado Fellowship** will provide a lawyer or recent/soon-to-be law school graduate with an opportunity to develop a successful criminal defense practice in rural Colorado. This Fellowship is the ultimate public-private partnership. The Fellow will begin working as an OADC employee (for up to two years) with the security of a salary and benefits as they learn to become an excellent criminal defense attorney and entrepreneur. At the end of the fellowship, the Fellow will have both the legal and business skills necessary to start a private practice in a Greater Colorado community, and they will transition from OADC employee to self-employed private practitioner.

[Click here to view the Greater Colorado Fellowship position and application details.](#)

**Deadline: November 2, 2025**

The OADC is conducting a nationwide search to recruit people to support its dedication to zealous, client-centered advocacy, rooted in social justice, integrity, and humility. We seek passionate advocates with team-oriented approaches to holistic public defense, as well as practitioners who approach the legal system through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact our Attorney Development Coordinator and visit our website (listed below).  
See Symplicity #78912 for more details.

### Greater Colorado Fellowship





# *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 on the Justice Catalyst website until **December 1, 2025**.

View the 2025 Info Session and details about priority issue areas, priority strategies for justice, and more at [www.justicecatalyst.org/fellowships/jc-fellowships](http://www.justicecatalyst.org/fellowships/jc-fellowships).

You can also find this posting on Symplicity #78766.

Email [fellowships@justicecatalyst.org](mailto:fellowships@justicecatalyst.org) with any questions about the fellowship or applications!





**THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**  
***2026 DIVERSITY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP IN HEALTH LAW***  
***NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION/HEALTH LAW SECTION***

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the ***2026 Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law*** which has been established by The Foundation through a gift from the Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The Fellowship will be awarded to a law student who is currently enrolled in a law school in the State of New York to work with a healthcare attorney or facility in the State of New York during the summer of 2026.

**Fellowship Program Goals**

The Health Law Section of the New York State Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2026 Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law. The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law is part of the New York State Bar Association's Diversity Challenge to develop and execute initiatives to increase the diversity of its membership, leadership, and programs. The primary goal of the Fellowship is to increase representation of lawyers and students from a diverse range of backgrounds in health law and provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds an opportunity to experience health law practice.

**Eligibility**

The Fellowship is open to all students as of the Fall 2025 semester who are enrolled in a law school in the State of New York, who intend to practice law in New York State upon graduation, and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities. Fellowship finalists may be interviewed in person or virtually.

**The Fellowship**

The Fellowship will be awarded as follows:

The Diversity Summer Fellowship in Health Law plans to place a law student in an 8-week summer fellowship with a healthcare attorney or facility across New York State, including but not limited to Albany, New York City, Long Island and Westchester.

- 8-week fellowship
- Placement with a health law attorney in the healthcare industry
- \$ 6,000 Stipend
- Luncheon with healthcare leaders and attorneys

The Fellow will be a guest member of the NYSBA Health Law Section for one year starting with the award of the Fellowship.

1. The Fellow will be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings of the NYSBA Health Law Section during the fall meeting.
2. The Fellowship recipient will be announced in January 2026.

**Completed application must be submitted by email on or before  
Friday, December 5, 2025. Learn more and access the application [here](#).**

## Aaron Wersing Employment Discrimination SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST



# AARON WERSING EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

**DEADLINE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**

The Aaron Wersing Employment Discrimination Scholarship contest is accepting submissions until Thursday, December 1, 2025. This contest only requires a 500-word cohesive, creative essay "about what employment discrimination law is and how job discrimination rates can be reduced and mitigated." One student winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:

- **Sponsor:** The Law Office of Aaron D. Wersing, PLLC
- **Topic & Format:** "We are asking students to write a 500-word essay about what employment discrimination law is and how job discrimination rates can be reduced and mitigated. We are looking for the most creative and cohesive essay."
- **Eligibility requirements:** "Applicants must be EITHER be out-going high school seniors (graduating summer 2025) OR students currently enrolled in a college, trade school, university, or law school as of the start of the fall 2025 semester."
- **Prize:** "The student who is selected will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to put towards their tuition costs."

*Interested students can email [askthelibrary@brooklaw.edu](mailto:askthelibrary@brooklaw.edu) for help finding legal news sources and legal treatises on employment discrimination.*

Provided is a summary of instructions for the contest. Sponsors/facilitators of student writing competitions provide more detailed instructions on their [websites](#) that students should review.

### SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Submit the following via email to [scholarships@fedlawoffice.com](mailto:scholarships@fedlawoffice.com):

- Your Name
- A valid email address
- Phone Number
- A copy of your transcript or proof of enrollment
- A copy of your 500-word essay as a Word document



# 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 for 2Ls/3Ls on Symplicity:

- Brennan Center for Justice, #78824 (**paid!**)
- Crime Victims Treatment Center, #78558
- Mobilization for Justice - Immigration Law Project, #78893
- NYC Criminal Court - Kings County, #78859
- NYC Department of Social Services, #78511
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, #78754
- NYS Surrogate's Court, Kings County - HELP Center, #78426
- New York Waterfront Commission, #78769
- The Legal Aid Society - Immigration Clinic, #78332
- Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, #78297
- US Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey (Newark), #78726

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## Summer internships for 2Ls on Symplicity:

- Advocates for Children of New York, #78752
- ACLU - Southern Legal Internship, #78720 (**paid!**)
- Center for Family Representation, #78551
- NYC Administration for Children's Services, #78756
- Hon. Laura M. Paley, Kings County Family Court, #78772
- MacArthur Justice (Chicago, New Orleans), #78867
- Movement Law Lab, #78817 (**paid!**)
- States United Democracy Center, #78761 (**paid!**)
- The Bronx Defenders - Several practice areas, #78891
- The Legal Aid Society - Juvenile Rights Practice, #78845

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

# QUESTIONS?

Need help or advice on jobs,  
internships, fellowships, resumes/cover  
letters, interviewing, or pro bono?  
Email us to make an appointment!

Public Service Law Center  
Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
[publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu)

Check out all our resources on  
[BLS Connect!](#)



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