

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



Brooklyn Law School
Public Service Law Center

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Check out all of the Public Service Law Center's resources on [BLSConnect!](#)

INTERESTED IN JOINING A PRO BONO PROJECT BUT MISSED THE WORKSHOP?

Email
publicservice@brooklaw.edu to
receive a recording of the
Client Intake & Interviewing
Workshop!

This workshop is mandatory for first-time pro bono project participants. Students will fill out a form to attest to their viewing of the recorded workshop.





ENSURING FAIR ELECTIONS AND VOTER PARTICIPATION:

WHAT LAWYERS CAN DO

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Format: Webcast

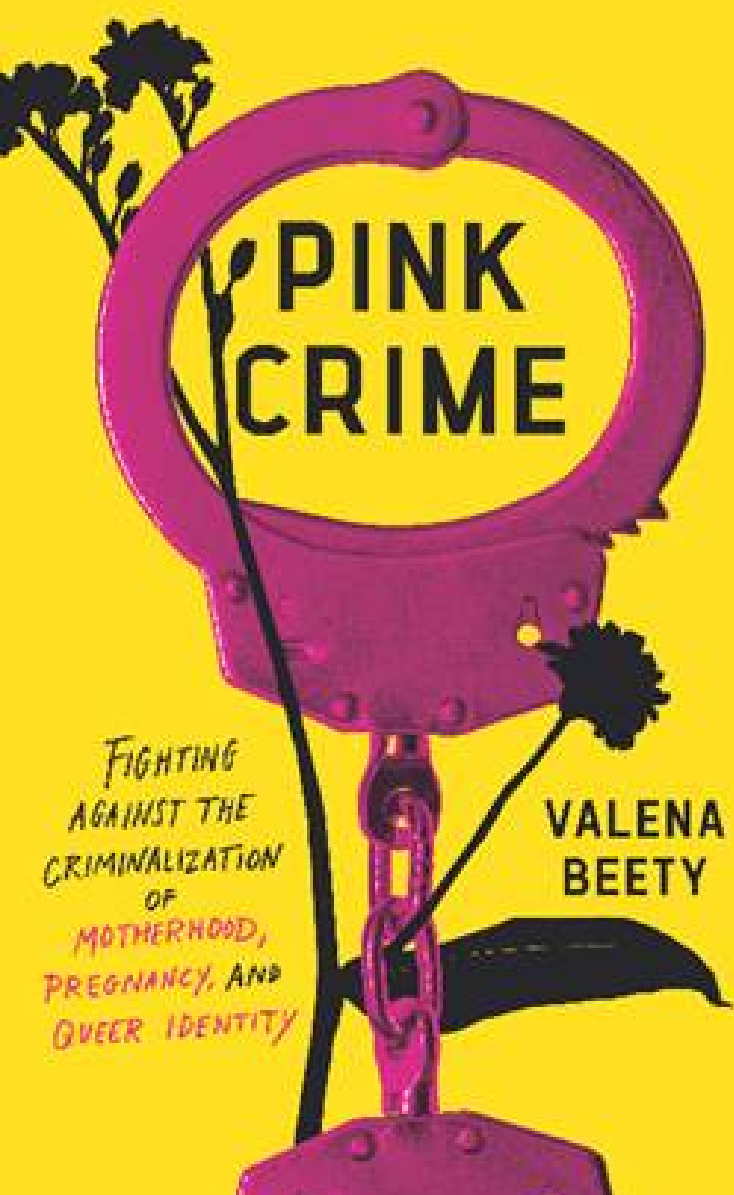
There is no charge for this program. Registration is required.



There are growing concerns as to whether the 2026 election will be truly fair. Challenges to election administration are coming from the highest levels of the federal government, and there are looming threats from private actors and even foreign governments. Election officials are facing harassment and intimidation, including potential criminal penalties, for simply doing their job. Unproven charges of widespread voter fraud continue to escalate. This tumult may discourage those eligible from voting, a sought-for objective by many who are ramping up these pressures.

Volunteers will clearly be needed to participate in, and monitor, these elections, and novel approaches may be needed to ensure fairness and participation. Lawyers and law students, given their experience and training, are particularly well suited to fulfill those roles. The New York City Bar Association is conducting its election protection initiative enabling members of the bar and law students to learn where they can most effectively assist to enable free and fair elections. Leading election law experts will describe the nature of the threats to this year's elections, discuss opportunities available to help protect the vote, and what will be involved in those activities.

[Click here](#) to register for free for the webinar



Tuesday

September 22

6-7:30pm

Reception to follow

This Bookend event of the 21st Annual Brooklyn Book Festival focuses on the release of the book *Pink Crime: Fighting Against the Criminalization of Motherhood, Pregnancy, and Queer Identity* (The New Press, August 2026). The event will feature the book's author, law professor at Indiana University Maurer School of Law and former prosecutor Valena Beety, and Tasha Mercedes Shelby, a writer and advocate whose story of wrongful incarceration is featured in the book. Ms. Shelby will participate in the program remotely from Mississippi, where she is incarcerated in state prison. These speakers will be in conversation with Brooklyn Law School Professor Kate Mogulescu, founder and Legal & Policy Director of the Survivors Justice Project. The event will look at what drives wrongful convictions of women and queer people, whose identities are recast in criminal court as evidence of guilt through bias, junk science, and entrenched stereotypes. An audience Q&A will follow.

Please join us after the program for a reception.

The event is sponsored by Brooklyn Law School's Center for Criminal Justice.

RSVP HERE



Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship Informational Programs

The Sparer Fellowship Program supports Brooklyn Law School students to pursue public interest law in service of social justice and the greater good. Core components of the program include a stipend for a summer internship with a public interest organization in the U.S. or abroad, monthly luncheons focused on current public interest issues, and the opportunity to plan and engage in academic events.

Stipends will be available for the summer of 2027.

Sparer Fellowship Informational Programs: Wednesday, September 23rd 12:00-1:45pm & 4:30-6:00pm Student Lounge

Summer 2026 Sparer Fellows will discuss their summer experiences in placements with organizations such as:

- A Better Childhood
- Appellate Advocates
- Bronx Legal Services,
Economic Justice Unit
- Mental Hygiene Legal
Services
- Sanctuary for Families
- The Legal Aid Society,
Criminal Appeals Bureau and
Tenant Defense Unit
- and more!

Amy Hsieh, Co-Director of the Sparer program, will discuss the application procedures and selection process. She will also be available to answer questions after each session.

All students who are interested in public interest law or applying to the program are encouraged to attend! Lunch and afternoon refreshments provided.

Email spareradmin@brooklaw.edu with any questions or for more information.

Public Interest Networking (PIN) Reception

Tuesday, September 29, 5:30pm



**Fordham University
School of Law
150 W 62nd Street
New York, NY 10023**

The PSLC will be hosting a
Networking 101 Drop-in

in our office from 4-4:45pm prior to the reception!

We will then travel all together to Fordham Law School at 4:45pm.

Goal of the Reception

The goal of the annual PIN Reception is to introduce law students to and highlight the outstanding and rewarding public service work of non-profit organizations, government agencies, and private public interest law firms. The PIN Reception also provides an opportunity for law students to meet attorneys, as well as other students, who share their interests.

There is no expectation that employers will extend offers of employment. In fact, students are informed that employers will not be arranging job interviews and they are instructed not to bring resumes. Instead, we encourage employers to post openings for internships and permanent positions on PSJD.org, the leading online resource for public service careers.

Read more about the PIN Reception [here](#) and fill out this [interest form](#) if you intend on going to the reception.

INTERVIEWING FOR A POSTGRADUATE JOB WITH A PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE?

PREPARING FOR A PUBLIC DEFENDER INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM, ROOM 402**

Participate in a practical, hands on workshop led by Professor Lauren Roberts, a former Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Practice attorney, to go over how to prepare for the hypothetical and mock argument portions of postgraduate public defender interviews.



The Center for Criminal Justice and the Public Service Law Center present

DEFENDING JUSTICE:

THE STATE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE

A CONVERSATION WITH



Genesis Draper

*Chief Defender
Harris County Public Defender's Office*



Professor Hoag-Fordjour

*David Dinkins '56 Professor of Law & Co-
Director of the Center for
Criminal Justice*

Join Chief Defender Genesis Draper and Professor Hoag-Fordjour for a discussion exploring the evolving landscape of indigent defense, highlighting innovative approaches to client-centered representation in Houston and how they are influencing conversations about the future of public defense nationwide.

Continue the Conversation After the Discussion

Chief Defender Genesis Draper • Professor Hoag-Fordjour • HCPDO Recruitment Director Victoria Knott



**Wed., Oct 7, 2026
from 12 - 1:30 pm**



**Brooklyn Law School
First Floor Student Lounge**

LUNCH PROVIDED

2L PUBLIC SERVICE PLANNING PROGRAM RECAP

If you missed the 2L/3L planning program, this is a brief summary of what was covered. Tips for 3Ls are on the next page.

In addition to this, be sure to review the NYS Pro Bono Requirement and log your hours on Paladin! Get more info on our [BLSConnect Page](#).

2L Fall Semester Next Steps

2L SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Attend the BLS Clinic Office Fair (10/15) and apply. If you're interested in public interest jobs, attend the [Public Interest Networking Reception](#) (9/29). Consider applying to be a [Sparer Fellow](#), info session on 9/23 (if you didn't make it your first year, apply again!). Start checking Symplicity and IYI for spring and summer internships.

2L NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sign up for the Public Interest Legal Career (PILC) Fair. It's not just for 1Ls! **You must register yourself for the PILC Fair beginning on November 15, 2026.** Schedule a resume and cover letter review and interview prep with the PSLC or your counselor. Gather information on [BLSPI](#) Fellowships.

USE THE 2L PLANNING SHEET

For a look ahead into steps for next semester, you can refer to the [2L Planning Sheet](#) on our BLS Connect page.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PSLC

Questions or stressed by any of this? Want support while applying to spring or summer positions? Reach out to the Public Service Law Center! Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu with any questions or to set up an appointment. Please share an updated resume in Word format prior to the meeting.

3L PUBLIC SERVICE PLANNING PROGRAM RECAP

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3L Fall Semester Next Steps

3L SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Attend the BLS Clinic Office Fair (10/15). Apply for clinics or internships for the spring. This is typically when applications for the Immigrant Justice Corps are due. Keep an eye on Symplicity and the IYI for postgrad fellowship and job application deadlines (you can find a few listed in this newsletter).

3L NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sign up for and apply for interviews at the PILC Fair. Some employers recruit 3Ls for permanent staff attorney positions.

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upcoming **PRO BONO PROJECT** meetings & trainings

9/25
9:30 AM -
2:00 PM

Courtroom Advocates Project Training,
Room 604

cap@brooklaw.edu

9/25
12:45 -
1:45 PM

Name Change Project Training, Room 500

namechangeproject@brooklaw.edu

9/25
4:00PM

Suspension Representation Project
Mandatory Training, Room 402

srp@brooklaw.edu

9/25
10:00 AM -
12:00 PM

Immigrant Youth Assistance Project
Fall Orientation, Room 402

iyap@brooklaw.edu

upcoming
PRO BONO PROJECT
meetings & trainings
cont.!

9/28
12:00-
1:45 PM

Taxi Workers Defense Collective Info
Session, Room 402

taxiworkers@brooklaw.edu

10/1
12:45-
1:45 PM

Small Claims with Sanctuary Pro Bono Project
Info Session, Room 502

scs@brooklaw.edu

10/2
12:00-
12:30 PM

If/When/How Pro Bono Training: Abortion
Clinic Escorting, Zoom link on BLSConnect

iwhprobonoproject@brooklaw.edu

Save the Date!



Courtroom Advocates Project

PRO BONO PROJECT

ADVOCATE
TRAINING!

Friday, September 25
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Room 604

All are welcome!
Food will be served!

RSVP here:

Courtroom Advocates Project (CAP) is a unique pro bono program that gives law students an opportunity to advocate for survivors of domestic violence in NYC Family Courts.

Attorneys from Sanctuary for Families will walk you through the entire process, including how to interview your client and draft a petition.

This training is mandatory if you would like to take a CAP case this semester.

Feel free to email cap@brooklaw.edu with any questions!





NAME CHANGE PRO BONO PROJECT

TRAINING:
SEPTEMBER 25, @
12:45 PM; ROOM: 500

**Are you interested in helping
folx change their names?**

Brooklyn Law School is kickstarting the Name Change Pro Bono Project and we want you to get involved! Help folx who want to change their name and become their true selves!

ON ZOOM

**IN PERSON
W/ LUNCH**

RECORDED



NATIONAL LAWYERS



GUILD



***General Body Meeting
&***

***Legal Observer Pro Bono Project
Info Session***

Sept. 23, 2026 at 12PM

Room 502

Non-Pizza Lunch Provided



ASYLUM RELIEF PRO BONO PROJECT UPCOMING APPLICATION

**ARP
APPLICATION
DEADLINE**

**Sun.
9/27/2026
11:59PM**

We encourage anyone interested in ARP to apply! Applications are now live at the QR code below and linked on Paladin.

The Asylum Relief Pro Bono Project's (ARP) applications are now live! For more information about the project, check out our profile on Paladin or the project description within the ARP application at the QR code below. Feel free to reach out to arp@brooklaw.edu with any questions.



**ARP APPLICATION & IL
DELEGATE APPLICATION**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ARP@BROOKLAW.EDU

TAXI WORKER DEFENSE COLLECTIVE

PRO
BONO
PROJECT

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT
REPRESENTING
TAXI AND RIDE-SHARE
DRIVERS



1L LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

September 28 | Room 402 | 12:00 PM

INFORMATION SESSION

email taxiworkers@brooklaw.edu with any questions

pizza lunch

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:

- Good Shepherd Services (NYC), #82227
 - New York City Family Court, #82097
 - New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYC), #82038
 - Surrogate's Court Help Center, Kings County (Brooklyn), #82177
 - The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research (NYC), #81864 (**paid!**)
 - United States Environmental Protection Agency (NYC), #82046
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Summer internships on Symplicity:

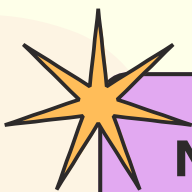
- Brooklyn Defender Services, Family Defense Practice, #82149
- Colorado State Public Defender, #81346 (**paid!**)
- Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (Remote), #82067
- Manhattan District Attorney's Office, #82094 (**paid!**)
- NYC Law Department, Summer Honors Internship Program, #81725 (**paid!**)
- Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, #81964 (**paid!**)
- Office of the Public Defender (Pittsburg, PA), #82233
- State of New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department (Multiple New York Locations), #81980 (**paid!**)

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

UPCOMING DEADLINES

2L SUMMER AND POSTGRAD

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



NEW YORK COUNTY (MANHATTAN) DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Apply directly online for postgrad jobs here and summer internships here (for 2Ls), both with a **deadline of October 1, 2026 at 5:00pm EST.**

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Each year IJC awards Justice Fellowships to recent law graduates with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to providing legal services for low-income people and immigrants. More info here.

Applications are due Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 11:59pm EST.



THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY (NYC)

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

Applications for postgrad jobs in the Civil and Juvenile Practices are OPEN and will **close on October 14, 2026 at 3:00pm EST.**

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

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS ELLA BAKER 2L SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

CCR works with communities under threat to fight for justice through litigation, advocacy, and strategic communications. **Applications are due September 29, 2026 at 12:00am PST.**





LABOR LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2L SUMMER 2027 ARE CLOSING SOON!

[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.
- **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.

Office of the New York State Attorney General



2027 ATTORNEY GENERAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

About the Program

- Law students who are graduating from their JD program during the 2026-27 academic year.
- Two-year placement, work as a junior attorney, receive training and mentorship.
- Work for the country's premier public sector law firm doing meaningful legal work to advance equal justice.
- A designated Program Coordinator who guides the fellowship experience.
- Annual salary of \$87,356 + full benefits.
- 2027 placements offered in Albany, New York City, and White Plains.

For More Information

- Please [review the posting](#) for information about available placement opportunities for the 2027 cohort.
- Please review the AG Fellowship [program page](#) for more information about submitting your application, eligibility, and the program format.
- To help you prepare and submit a complete application, please review our [application checklist](#).

Scan Code to Learn More





THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

[Click here for the
application and
more information](#)

2026 LOCAL AND STATE GOV LAW SECTION CAROL VAN SCOYOC MUNICIPAL LAW SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, a \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a law student who best exemplifies the core values important to Carol Van Scoyoc: academic excellence, a demonstrated interest in public service and an interest in the civil practice of municipal law.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Information and Eligibility:

- The scholarship will be awarded to a second- or third-year law student, enrolled on a full time or part-time basis in a NYS law school.
- The 2027 scholarship recipient will be notified in November 2026 and invited to attend the Section's Annual Conference in January 2027.
- Students must have maintained a minimum 3.0 or equivalent GPA in law school and a ranking in the top quarter of their class as of July 1 preceding their application.
- Students must document their interest in public service and the pursuit of a career in the civil practice of municipal law.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application form.
- Cover letter of interest in public service and the pursuit of a career in the civil practice of municipal law.
- A resume describing prior employment and other relevant qualifications and activities.
- Law school transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a law school professor unrelated to the application by blood or marriage.
- A writing sample with footnotes, preferably addressing a current issue in municipal law.



JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

IJC awards two-year Justice Fellowships to recent law graduates from around the country - individuals with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice work and immigrant rights.

IJC matches selected Fellows with our partnering host organizations based on each applicant's interests, gaps in services within the community, location preference, and partnering host organizations' demands. IJC Fellows are provided with a full salary and benefits.

CONTACT US

recruitment@justicecorps.org

(212) 407-3417

@IJCorps



[JUSTICECORPS.ORG](https://justicecorps.org)

2027 ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants may be enrolled in a JD or LLM program as long as they graduate law school by the Spring of the Fellowship start year. For example, if you graduate in Spring 2027 you will be eligible to apply to the Class of 2027.
- Applicants may have graduated from a JD or LLM program up to two years prior to the start of the Fellowship (no earlier than Spring 2025).
- At the time of selection, applicants must be eligible for work authorization in the U.S. for the full two years of the Fellowship.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

July

Justice Fellowship applications open.

October 18, 2026 11:59 PM EST

Justice Fellowship applications close.

Early November

Selection Committee reviews applications.

Mid & Late November

IJC staff schedule interviews with prospective Fellows. IJC selects a group of finalists and host organizations.

December

Finalists and host organizations engage in a matching process by providing input regarding placement preferences.

February

Offer letters are sent to matched Fellows.



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](#)



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 from **October 19 through 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.



*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

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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](#).

