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GOOD LUCK
ON EXAMS
AND ENJOY
YOUR BREAK!

HAPPY DECEMBER! PILC Fair is approaching!

On November 17th, the PSLC registered all 1Ls for the PILC Fair (2Ls/3Ls need to register themselves). If you're still catching up on all things PILC, you can find more information on [page 4](#).

You can always email publicservice@brooklaw.edu with any questions about the PILC Fair or for support with your applications!

BLSPI x City Harvest Canned Food Drive



City Harvest provides food to those in need.

Ways You Can Help:

BY DONATING CANNED FRUIT, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED PROTEINS (E.G. TUNA, BEANS), CANNED SOUPS, JUICE PACKS, PEANUT BUTTER (PLASTIC JARS), MACARONI AND CHEESE (PACKAGED), OR CEREAL (PACKAGED, FAMILY-SIZED).

BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE BLSPI FUND USING THE LINKS ABOVE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DINING HALL ENTRANCE TABLE THROUGH THE END OF THE SEMESTER

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT

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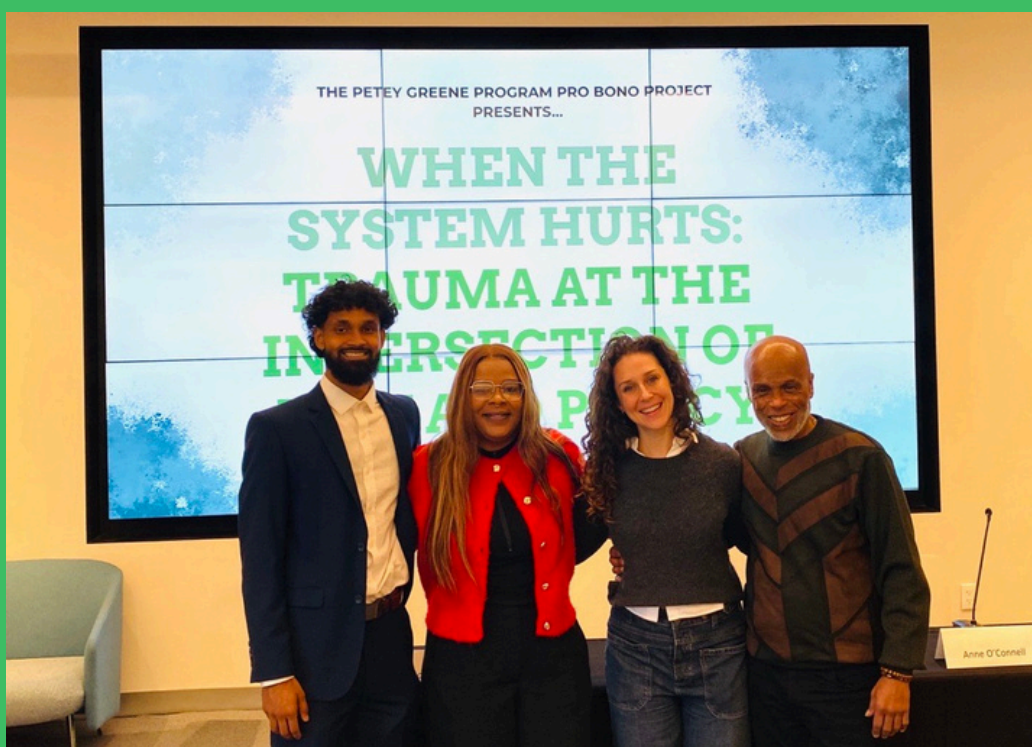
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Last week, Petey Greene Pro Bono Project held a panel discussing how law students can use their legal education to effectively and respectfully collaborate with system-impacted individuals in law and policy. Thank you to our wonderful panelists and pro bono student leaders for a great discussion!



The Petey Greene Program Pro Bono Project (PGP) at BLS provides opportunities for students to tutor incarcerated individuals to support their academic goals, typically for GED preparation or other academic coursework. The program provides students the chance to gain meaningful experience in the criminal justice world while supporting those who did not have the opportunity to complete their education. To learn more about the program and the requirements to participate, visit the Petey Greene [website](#) and [Become a Volunteer](#) page.

If you'd like to volunteer with Petey Greene, you can complete the volunteer application [here](#)!

PILC Fair Info Sessions

RECAP

Ins & Outs of the PILC Fair



Find the recording [here](#)!

Registration is now open! If you're a 1L/1P, you were automatically registered by the PSLC (check your inbox for an email from us and the PILC Fair). If you're a 2L/3L/LLM, you have to register yourself on the [website](#).

Important Dates:

- **January 5-9:** PSLC is open, 1/9 deadline to submit resume/cover letters to PSLC for review before the PILC application submission deadline
- **January 15, 5:00PM:** Deadline to apply for interviews (don't wait last minute!)
- **January 30 (approximately):** Interview schedules published
- **February 2-4:** Free interview sign-ups (for those already registered), Table Talk registration
- **February 4, 4:00PM:** Deadline to cancel interviews and Table Talk sessions
- **February 5-6:** Interviews and Table Talks

Review our Essential PILC Fair Tips Sheet [here](#)!

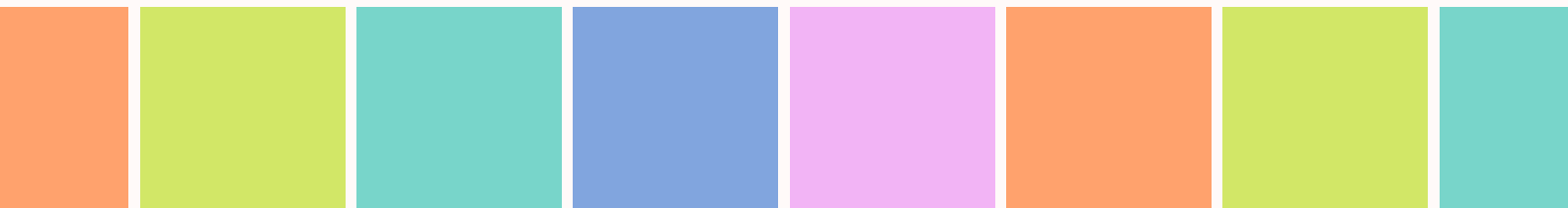
Applying for Internships at PILC: Guide to the Portal

Find the recording [here](#)!

- Click [here](#) to view our slideshow that goes over how to navigate the portal to see all employers attending, set your availability, apply for interviews, and application tips!
 - Click [here](#) to view the PILC Fair website
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Pro Tip: REACH OUT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW CENTER!

- Email us at publicservice@brooklaw.edu
- We are here to help with resumes, cover letters, and any other application materials. We want to support you!
- All these resources can be found on our [BLSConnect page](#)



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:

- Bronx County Supreme Court (Bronx, NY), #79336
- Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, NY), #79097 (**paid!**)
- International Rescue Committee, Children's Legal Services (New York, NY), #79017
- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (New York, NY), #79191
- Sanctuary for Families, Anti-Trafficking Initiative (New York or Remote), #79098
- NYS Office of the Attorney General (New York, NY), #79071 (**paid!**)
- The Legal Aid Society, Immigration Clinic (New York, NY), #78332
- The Legal Aid Society, Special Litigation and Law Reform (New York, NY), #78931

Summer internships for 2Ls on Symplicity:

- Animal Legal Defense Fund, Pro Bono Program & Criminal Justice Program (Remote), #78618, #78619 (**paid!**)
- Brennan Center for Justice, Justice Program & Liberty and National Security Legal Internship (New York, NY), #79223, #79224 (**paid!**)
- Brooklyn Defender Services - Several practices areas (Brooklyn, NY), #79045 #79046 #79047 #79048 #79049
- Civil Rights Corps (Washington, DC), #79303 (**paid!**)
- The Bronx Defenders - Several practices areas (Bronx, NY), #78891
- The Legal Aid Society, Special Litigation and Law Reform (New York, NY), #78931
- Virginia Office of the Attorney General (Richmond, VA), #78674
- Volunteers of Legal Service - Several projects, #79143, #79144, #79145, #79146

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



Apply Now!

LABOR LAW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Currently, 35 organizations are open & accepting applications!

[Explore Open Positions & Apply Here!](#)

**OFFERS WILL BE EXTENDED ON A ROLLING BASIS
STARTING ON *SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025***

The application portal for the 2026 cycle will close on *Friday, Jan 16, 2026* for most organizations. We encourage you to *apply often & early!* Organizations will close their applications after they secure a fellow so your ***best chance to apply to the most open organizations will be between now and December 6th*** (when offers go out).

THE 2026 PEGGY BROWNING FUND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PBF's Fellowship Program provides stipends to law students who dedicate their summer to advancing the cause of workers' rights by working for labor unions, worker centers, labor-related not-for-profit organizations, union-side law firms and other nonprofit organizations. It is a ten-week summer fellowship and is available to continuing law students.

[Learn more about PBF's 2026 Fellowship Program](#)

Reach out to info@peggybrowningfund.org for more information.

New York State Excelsior Service Postgraduate 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.

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 class of 2026 applicants should submit the following materials in a single pdf through Symplicity #78918 by February 7:** resumé, transcript, personal statement, and two references/letters of recommendation.

There will be **one final virtual information session** this fall!

- **Wednesday, December 3, 12:00-1:00pm**
 - Join at [this link](#)
 - Access code: 2834 207 3188
 - Password: 6gX4BaQnK27

If you cannot attend, you can find a recording of November's info session [here](#).



Scan to learn more or visit
ny.gov/ExcelsiorFellowship

The Legal Aid Society of NYC Opportunities

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

Applications are open for Spring 2026 internships for **2Ls and 3Ls** until **December 29, 2025 at 3:00 PM:**


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

Applications are open for Summer 2026 internships for **2Ls** until **February 6, 2026 at 3:00 PM:**

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

Applications for Summer 2026 internships for **1Ls** open on **December 2, 2025.**

Find the list of internships and applications [here](#).



Academy On Human
Rights And
Humanitarian Law

2026 HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY AWARD

Topic: “The Right to Protest Under International Human Rights Law: Legal Protection and Challenges Ahead”

The award for the Best Essays in English and Spanish includes a ***full tuition scholarship to the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law for either the Diploma or Certificate of Attendance option***, covering both application and administrative fees, as well as the costs of the academic courses in which the recipient enrolls, for a total of up to four courses. Travel expenses, housing, and per diem living expenses are not included and should be covered solely by the winners. The scholarship will be available only for the Advanced Studies Program in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law of the same year in which the winner has obtained the first place in the Human Rights Essay Competition.

- **Eligibility requirements in 2026 include: Must hold a law degree, Juris Doctor, (J.D.), Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), or equivalent. Shall have a demonstrated experience or interest in international human rights law."**
- **Deadline for submission: February 3, 2026.**

Find the full list of rules for submission [here](#).

Contact humanrightsessay@wcl.american.edu with any questions.

Dorothy E. Roberts Public Interest Essay Competition

The competition is open to all current law students, including LLM students, from any ABA-accredited American law school as well as recent graduates of such institutions from the classes of 2018 – 2025. Submissions are limited to one per person and must be an original, unpublished academic essay. The winning essay will be published in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online. The author will receive a \$5,000 grant to support their related public interest work or the work of a non-profit organization or pro bono clinic and a \$2,000 cash prize.

TOPIC

Student-authored articles on the topic of social justice and public interest law. Submissions must focus on a specific legal issue within the realm of public interest law, including any issue relating to social justice or advancing the general welfare and good of the public. In addition, the author must include a brief grant proposal for \$5,000 to support public interest work related to the essay topic. Topics can be local, state, national, or international in breadth or impact.

Deadline for submission is February 28, 2026.

Find more information about the essay and grant proposal requirements [here](#), along with the online submission portal.



The Havens Wright Center for Social Justice

Erik Olin Wright Prize

The Erik Olin Wright Prize (\$1,000) is awarded annually by the Havens Wright Center for Social Justice for a paper by a graduate or professional student that best exemplifies the concerns that animated Wright's work. You can find a brief description of his work and more information about the prize on this [website](#).

Eligible submissions can come from any of the social sciences, history, or philosophy, and any professional discipline. Submissions are welcome from universities outside the U.S., but they should be submitted in English. One submission is allowed per applicant. Two documents are required.

1. The student work to be considered. This can be no more than 15,000 words (excluding references but including footnotes). Published works may be considered so long as they were completed within the previous calendar year (i.e., between April 16, 2025 - April 15, 2026).
2. A nominating letter from a faculty member familiar with the student's work.

Submissions, in whole or in part, may be sent between March 1 and April 15 each year and should be sent to wrightprize@ssc.wisc.edu.

Submissions received after April 15 will not be considered.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD PRO BONO LOG

**250-499
HOURS**



**PUBLIC SERVICE
AWARD**

**500-999
HOURS**



**SILVER
AWARD**

**1000+
HOURS**



GOLD AWARD

**REMINDER: Log your pro bono
hours here!**

WHAT CAN I LOG?

Hours worked during law school in internships at government agencies (NOT judges) or nonprofit organizations, all work for BLS pro bono projects, work in BLS clinics.

WHY SHOULD I LOG?

You will receive a BLS Public Service Award. Graduating students receive awards based on the hours they log.

The Public Service Awards are presented to graduating students at a ceremony each spring. An award is a great addition to your resume to show your commitment to public service!

***** The BLS Pro Bono Log has no relation to the New York State bar pro bono requirement. For info on the NYS requirement, visit the Public Service Law Center's [BLSCConnect page](#)!**

BLS Community Discounts

The following businesses provide discounts to the BLS community. Just show them your BLS ID and they will be happy to discount certain services.

Thank you to the Office of Student Affairs and Tia Williams Taylor for increasing community outreach!

- Chick Fil A – 10% discount with BLS ID
- The Juice Shop – 10% discount with BLS ID
- Monty Q's – 10% discount via phone delivery to the school
- Pure Green – 10% discount with BLS ID
- Henry Street Fitness (call first to see what the off-peak times are)
- Hot8 Brooklyn Heights - 50% off the first month of any of our monthly memberships
- YMCA – Membership rates for students \$64 per month at the Dodge YMCA, \$100 sign-up fee
- GYM NYC BK - \$100 month to month membership, \$50 sign-up fee
- La Bagel Delight – Bacon, Egg, and Cheese on a fresh baked bagel and a small hot coffee, tea, or Poland Spring Water for \$8.99. Ask for the special and please show BLS ID.
- FICS Gyms – Online www.ficsnyc.com. Students get 20% off services, packages, and memberships with code BLS20



GOOD LUCK WITH EXAMS AND HAVE A RESTFUL BREAK!

Congratulations on finishing the semester,
happy holidays, and enjoy your
well-deserved break!

The law school will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 2.
After that, we'll be back in the office and happy
to help with all your public service needs!

Public Service Law Center
Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM
publicservice@brooklaw.edu

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



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Welcome to Public Service

