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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 BECOMING A SPARER FELLOW?

Applications are now open for the Sparer Public Interest Fellowship!
Deadline to apply is October 16.

You can find more information, the informational session recording, and application form on the [next page](#).

The PSLC is available to review your application materials!
Email publicservice@brooklaw.edu to schedule an appointment.





Brooklyn Law School
Edward V. Sparer
Public Interest Law Fellowship



Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship Application Deadline

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 public interest organizations in the U.S. or abroad, monthly luncheons focused on current public interest issues, and the opportunity to plan and engage in academic events focused on public interest legal issues.

Current 1L/1P/2L/2P/3Ps are encouraged to apply.

Stipends will be available for the summer of 2027.

APPLICATIONS DUE: **OCTOBER 16, 2026**

Find recordings of an information session [here](#).

If you have any questions,
please email
SparerAdmin@brooklaw.edu.

To apply for the fellowship,
please complete the
application form, including:

1. Essay response
2. Resume
3. Letter(s) of recommendation

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

join us for

THE SOLIDARITY MIXER

an evening of networking and mingling with
labor movement practitioners and allies



THE SOLIDARITY MIXER is an inclusive event for law students from underrepresented groups

Are you interested in fighting for workers, standing up for better wages and benefits, and making a direct impact on the lives of families everywhere? Then come see what a career in the labor movement looks like.

Meet representatives from unions and New York-area law firms specializing in labor and employee benefits, including those working with musicians, actors, professional athletes, baristas, tradespeople, and more.

Finger foods and refreshments will be served.

Co-Sponsored by Cohen, Weiss and Simon LLP; the AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance; Friedman & Anspach; Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss, LLP; Levy Ratner, P.C.; Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.; the Peggy Browning Fund; SEIU Local 32BJ; Spivak Lipton, LLP; Stulberg & Walsh, LLP; and Virginia & Ambinder, LLP.

October 8
6pm-8pm

SEIU 32BJ
25 West 18th Street,
5th floor, NYC

RSVP here





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Public Interest Law Fellowship

IMMIGRATION LAWYERING
**A PRIMER ON THE STATE
OF IMMIGRATION
PRACTICE AND HOW WE
CAN ALL HELP**

led by a panel of immigration lawyers

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Student Lounge

Lunch Provided

This panel will explore the unique legal and practical challenges of people navigating immigration proceedings, with a focus on the importance of meaningful legal representation and advocacy.

Panelists will discuss both the broader policy considerations surrounding representation of indigent clients in Immigration Court. We will highlight the practical interventions available to attorneys and advocates, including the Friends of the Court program and habeas petitions. By bringing together perspectives on direct advocacy, litigation, and systemic policy, the panel will consider how legal practitioners can help ensure that undocumented people are able to meaningfully navigate and participate in immigration proceedings.

**Email SparerAdmin@brooklaw.edu
to RSVP by October 12**



PRO BONO AND CROSS-CULTURAL LAWYERING: THE BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

October is Pro Bono Month!

To celebrate the occasion, we invite you to the Homeowner and Consumer Debt Advocacy Project's inaugural consumer bankruptcy panel event. The panel will feature experienced bankruptcy practitioners who will share their perspectives on cross-cultural lawyering and how their pro bono service (in consumer bankruptcy or otherwise) has enhanced their legal practice.

A reception will follow the panel.



When: Wednesday, October 14 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
A panel will begin at 6:00pm, with a reception to follow at 7:00pm

Where: The New York City Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street

Moderator

Ramona Morel, Pro Bono Counsel at Lawyers Alliance and former Director of the City Bar Justice Center's Consumer Bankruptcy Project

Panelists

Carrie Hardman, Restructuring Partner and Chair of Bankruptcy Litigation at Winston Taylor LLP

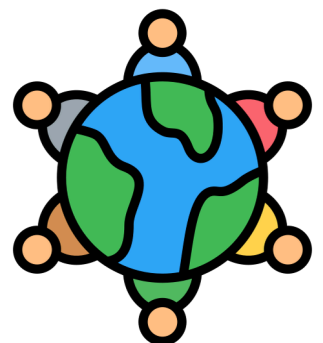
William Kransdorf, Director of Legal Services at NYC Bankruptcy Assistance Project

Tapan Oza, Senior Counsel in Litigation at Greenspoon Marder LLP

Colleen Restel, Bankruptcy and Restructuring Partner at Lowenstein Sandler LLP



**PLEASE RSVP HERE OR
SCAN THE QR CODE BY OCTOBER 12TH
SPACE IS LIMITED!**





ANTONIO REYNOSO
BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT



FRAGOMEN

CALL TO ACTION

CHALLENGING ICE DETENTION THROUGH HABEAS

October 15, 2026 • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL
209 JORALEMON ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11201

Immigrant ARC and the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President are partnering to convene a full-day training and call to action to mobilize attorneys to support members of our NYC community facing immigration detention and expand access to legal representation for individuals seeking to challenge their detention through federal habeas corpus proceedings.

- **Plenary Conversation** - A candid discussion with leading immigration experts on practicing under the Trump administration, recent policy and court developments, the growing need for representation, and what may lie ahead for immigration practice.
- **Cultural Competency Training** - Professor Claire Thomas of New York Law School will lead a session on trauma-informed and culturally competent legal representation.
- **Habeas Training** - The NY Habeas Project will provide practical and legal tools for challenging immigration detention through federal habeas corpus proceedings

CLE INFORMATION - Please read carefully.

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, will provide free New York CLE credit to those who attend the live session. Fragomen is not authorized to provide CLE credit to those who listen to recordings of the session.

Fragomen has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York for both live training and webinars. This session will qualify for an estimated 3 CLE credit in Professional Practice in the State of New York for newly admitted and experienced attorneys."



For more information scan the QR Code
Registration is free for all practitioners, with no restrictions
based on experience level or tier.



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**The Role of the
Municipal Government Lawyer:
A Conversation with
NYC Corporation Counsel Steven Banks &
BLS Alumni at the NYC Law Department**

**Wednesday, October 28
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Moot Court Room**

Please join us for a conversation with Corporation Counsel Steven Banks, the 2024 Recipient of BLS' Distinguished Commitment to Public Service Award, and several other BLS alumni serving as City attorneys and who work in various practices areas. Mr. Banks will share a firsthand account of the Corporation Counsel's vision for the Law Department and lawyering in City government. Learn about the breadth of the Law Department's practice, connect with alumni who have built rewarding careers in municipal law, and learn about their career trajectories and current work.



PLEASE RSVP HERE

FOOD WILL BE SERVED IN THE MOOT COURT LOBBY



LABOR LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP 1L & 2L SUMMER APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON!

[EXPLORE ORGANIZATIONS 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!](#)

Round 2 applications for 1Ls & 2Ls:

- **November 6, 2026** – Applications open to 1L & 2L-applicants. Mentor orgs can begin interviewing students as they receive applications.
 - Round 2 organizations will be updated throughout the month of October & November.



For more information, please see [Fellowship Information](#).
Please reach out to info@peggybrowningfund.org if you have any questions.

MYLE

MENTORING YOUTH THROUGH LEGAL EDUCATION

✦ Mentor High Schoolers in
Constitutional Law

✦ Help Students Form a Legal
Argument

✦ Prepare Students for a
Debate Competition

Meet with high school students three
times over the course of the semester
to prepare them for a debate on a First
Amendment issue!



Scan for more info

EMAIL IF INTERESTED:

blsmyle@brooklaw.edu



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 State Court of Appeals, Nassau County, #82000
 - New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYC), #82038
 - New York Waterfront Commission (NYC), #82313
 - Southern District of New York Mediation Office, #82310
 - Surrogate's Court Help Center, Kings County, #82177
 - The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, #81864 (**paid!**)
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Summer internships on Symplicity:

- Advocates for Children of New York, #82331
- Brooklyn Defender Services, Family Defense Practice, #82149
- Colorado State Public Defender, #81346 (**paid!**)
- Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (Remote), #82067
- Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, #81964 (**paid!**)
- Office of the Public Defender (Pittsburgh, PA), #82233
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (New York), #82047

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!



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 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 **close on October 14, 2026 at 3:00pm EST.**

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



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](#)

Call for Papers

TOPIC

Access to Justice: Impactful Approaches

Practising Law Institute (PLI) is pleased to announce our second annual call for law student papers. The selected article(s) will be published in the **PLI Chronicle**, our open access periodical.

Writing a **PLI Chronicle** article gives law students a direct line to PLI's extensive audience of more than 450,000 legal professionals — including 95% of Am Law 100 firms, over 900 nonprofit and public interest organizations, as well as educators, government experts, and other thought leaders. This is a great opportunity for students looking to amplify their voice and connect with the minds that shape today's legal landscape.

For this call for papers, the **PLI Chronicle** is seeking submissions that explore student perspectives on access to justice initiatives.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Impactful efforts by your law school community to address access to justice issues and provide civil legal services to low-income individuals**
- **The intersection of legal education and access to justice efforts**
- **Resources for law students who are interested in access to justice initiatives or related careers**
- **How access to justice initiatives are utilizing emerging AI technologies**
- **What access to justice initiatives appear most effective from your view as a law student**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Eligibility:** Students currently enrolled in law school
- **Required Materials:** Article, brief resume or CV, law school name, and expected graduation year
- **Word Limit:** 2,500 words
- **File Format:** Microsoft Word
- **Citation Format:** No footnotes, but hyperlinks to outside sources are welcome
- **Generative AI Policy:** Submissions must reflect the student's original thinking and writing and may not be drafted using generative AI
- **How to Submit:** Email plipress@pli.edu

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2026

ABOUT THE PLI CHRONICLE

The **PLI Chronicle** is an open access periodical available exclusively on PLI PLUS, the award-winning legal research platform of PLI Press. It offers concise, original insights from legal practitioners, scholars, and industry experts. Published in monthly issues, it features focused, timely pieces on practice-area developments, emerging trends, technology, professional development, and the business of law.

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Insights and Perspectives for the Legal Community

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**Law Students!
Call for Papers**



*Check out the winning
publication of the 2025
call for papers [here](#)*





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!

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

Check out all our resources on [BLSConnect](#) and [sign up](#) for our Canvas page!



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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](#).

