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### Congrats Class of 2024!



We know you'll accomplish great things after BLS! Remember that the Public Service Law Center is here for you after you've graduated. 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, and whatever else you need! Don't forget to take a look at our [public service timelines!](#)

# Summer Internships

Below are just a few of the summer public service internships recently posted on Symplicity. Check out our [Online Job Search Resources Guide](#) to find more.

## Direct Services

- Community Health Advocates - Health Law (#72267)
- Chosen Family LGBTQ+ Family Law (#72416)
- CAMBA Legal Services - Housing Law - Brooklyn (#72987), Staten Island (#72930)
- Center for Family Representation - Immigration (#72880)
- Weinberg Center for Elder Justice (#72867)
- Communities Resist - Tenants' Rights (#72868)
- Staten Island Legal Services (#72802)
- NYLAG, LegalHealth (#72806)

## Nonprofit | Impact Litigation | Policy Advocacy

- Center for New York City Neighborhoods - Diversity Legal Internship (#72837)

## Government

- NYS Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Unit (#72966)
- NYC Administration for Children's Services, Business Law Unit (#72887)
- NYC Business Integrity Commission (#72939)
- NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission - Student Prosecutor (#72790)
- NYC Department of Buildings - FOIL and Subpoenas (#72845), Loft Board (#72844), Regulatory Affairs and Policy Development (#72843), Sustainability Policy (#72846)
- NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department (#72827)

**Have an unpaid summer internship in public service? Apply for the [Public Service Grant](#)! The Financial Aid Office will hold an info session on the PSG Wednesday, April 17 at 12:45 in the Student Lounge.**

# GRADUATING STUDENTS

Looking for a postgrad job? Note that it is common for students interested in public service to get their jobs after graduation, after taking the Uniform Bar Exam, or even after finding out that they've passed the UBE. Government and nonprofit employers typically don't have the ability to hire months in advance and prefer to hire candidates who are close to being admitted. However, here are some things you can do now:

1. Check out our [Online Job Search Resources Guide](#) for a list of places you can be checking for job opportunities (#1: Symplicity!). Be sure to consider "fellowships", which are often basically the same thing as jobs in public interest.
2. **Come in and see us** for a cover letter and resume review! Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

## A few postgrad jobs recently posted on Symplicity:

- NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Employment Law Unit - Assistant General Counsel (#72963)
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (several positions) - Housing Attorney (#72920, 72928, 72923), Foreclosure (#72935)
- CAMBA (Staten Island) - Housing Attorney (#72933)
- Manhattan Legal Services - Housing Attorney (#71469)
- Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Public Defenders - Defendant Law Clerk (#71931)
- NYC Administration for Children's Services - Agency Attorney Interne (#70828)
- University of Georgia Law School - First Amendment Clinic Legal Fellow (#72908)
- NYC Law Department, Worker's Compensation - Assistant Corporation Counsel (#72904)



# NYS PRO BONO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The PBSP is a program established by the New York Court of Appeals that allows students in their final year of law school to **sit for the February Uniform Bar Exam**. Then, from early March to mid-May, **Scholars work full-time** providing qualifying direct legal services to individuals who would not otherwise have access to justice, while also completing the requirements of the law school's academic component. Scholars must complete **520 hours** total of qualifying pro bono work and academic work. Scholars who complete the program requirements and pass the UBE graduate with their class in May and **can be admitted to the New York bar as early as June**.

Pro Bono Scholars must extern at a nonprofit organization. **BLS's Pro Bono Scholars select their own placements** (with help from the Public Service Law Center), subject to the courts' rules for the PBSP and approval by BLS.

## TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PBSP, STUDENTS MUST:

- Have a GPA higher than 3.2 at the end of their 2L year (including summer school) and be approved by BLS faculty.
- Have at least 10 non-classroom credits remaining (i.e., have taken no more than 10) at the end of the fall 3L semester.
- Complete 73 credits by the end of the fall 3L semester.
- Satisfactorily complete the Upperclass Writing and Professional Responsibility requirements by the end of the fall 3L semester.

For more info and to apply, click [here](#)!

# POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Postgraduate fellowships are a great way to start a career in public interest. They're particularly useful for students interested in areas that tend to have fewer entry-level opportunities, such as civil rights.

The project-based fellowships below allow you to design your own project and pick your own host organization!

**Get more info on the wide world of postgraduate fellowships [here](#).**

Note that the fellowships below will start in fall 2025, so this info will probably be most useful for rising 3Ls/4Ps.



The **2025 Equal Justice Works Design-Your-Own Fellowship [application](#)** is now open!

Transform your passion for equal justice into a lifelong commitment to public service. EJW values program participants who are diverse in many respects and, in this diversity, can understand and empower the communities with whom and where they work in new ways.

Applications are due September 10, 2024.

Get more info [here](#).



The **[Skadden Fellowship](#)** provides two years of funding for recent law school graduates to work in the public interest, addressing the civil legal needs of people living in poverty in the US.

Applications are due Friday, September 6, 2024.

Get more info [here](#).

Attend a **virtual information session** for applicants **April 16th at 3pm EST**. Log-in information is available [here](#).



THE CENTER FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRESENTS:

# Rethinking Justice Fellowship Information Session

Please join BLS's Center for Criminal Justice for an information session about the Rethinking Justice Fellowship. Learn about the history of the program, the work that has been done this past year, and the application process for the 2024-25 academic year. *Lunch will be provided.*

## About the Fellowship

Student fellows lead the effort to bring directly impacted voices into classrooms at Brooklyn Law School, particularly 1L Criminal Law class. The Center's fellowship program partners with people who have direct experience with arrest, prosecution and punishment, often from community-based organizations in the Center's network. 2024-25 fellows will work in collaborative teams to generate teaching materials and plan for classroom visits to 1L and upper-level classes during the school year and continue/design additional projects related to the mission of collaborative learning.

## About the Center

The Center for Criminal Justice at Brooklyn Law School was founded in 2016 in an effort to build on the existing strengths of the school's nationally recognized criminal law faculty. The Center sponsors timely and topical speakers and events, awards student and post-graduate fellowships, and provides CLE opportunities to criminal justice practitioners. The Center serves as a forum for scholarship and discussion in areas of criminal law and policy that have real-world impact in New York City and across the nation.

## Information Session

### When:

- **Wednesday, April 17th**
- **Lunch Hour: 12:45-1:45 PM**

### Where:

- **Room 604;** OR
  - **Zoom:**
    - [https://brooklaw.zoom.us/j/91575011322?](https://brooklaw.zoom.us/j/91575011322?pwd=SQQvNDNNK01uaHMOWTZlbnkVyeGpCdz09)  
pwd=SQQvNDNNK01uaHMO  
WTZlbnkVyeGpCdz09
    - **Meeting ID:** 915 7501 1322
- Passcode:** 002101

### Applications Due:

- **Monday, April 29th @ 5 PM**

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# QUESTIONS?

Need help or advice on jobs, internships, fellowships, resumes/cover letters, interviewing, or pro bono?

Make an appointment with us!

Public Service Law Center  
Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm  
publicservice@brooklaw.edu

Check out all our resources on BLS Connect!

The screenshot shows the BLSConnect Public Service website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, a menu icon, and the text 'Menu'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is the Brooklyn Law School logo and a 'Notifications' button. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'BLSConnect • Public Service'. A search bar is located on the right side of the page. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is a sidebar with a red header 'PUBLIC SERVICE' and a list of links: 'Current News and Events', 'Public Service Career Paths', 'Finding Job / Internship Opportunities', 'Employer Evaluations', 'Job/Internship Application Tips and Resources', and 'Funding a Summer Public Service Internship'. The middle column has a red header 'Public Service Law Center' and contains text about the center's services, including support for 20+ student-run pro bono projects, a guide to public service, and information about enrolling in Canvas and pro bono programs. The right column has a red header 'Contact Us' and contains contact information for the Public Service Law Center, including the email publicservice@brooklaw.edu and the hours of operation (Open M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm). Below the contact information, there is a red header 'Staff Profiles' and a list of staff members: Danielle Sorken, Jacqueline Cheney, and Julia Rafferty. A hand icon is pointing to the 'Staff Profiles' header.