



# Career Corner

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## CAREER TIPS

### Public Interest FAQs

Students who enter law school with a general interest in public service often have a number of questions regarding how to find (and afford to accept) public interest jobs. The Career Services Office routinely fields such questions and has a wide array of resources to help students find summer or post-graduate employment opportunities in the public arena. The following addresses some of the most frequently asked questions.

Q: What do I have to do in order to find a public interest job?

A: A good way to begin researching different types of public interest jobs is to talk to the attorneys who are doing them. Some of the most effective ways to do this include getting an **alumni mentor** who is a public interest attorney, participating in **Public Interest/Public Sector Day** (PI/PS Day) (Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>), and getting **real-world experience** through GAAP, clinics, etc. Sign up for one of the regular orientations offered for the alumni mentor program in the CSO. You can always schedule a career counseling appointment to discuss specific career development and job search strategies.

Q: I've heard that Hastings hosts a public interest job fair. How can I find out more about it?

A: Hastings is pleased to host **Public Interest/Public Sector Day** on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. For details about how to participate, ***please attend an important PI/PS Day information session on Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3:40-4:30pm in Room F.***

Also, please be aware that the **PI/PS Day resume submission day is Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** (all resumes are due in CSO by 5:00pm that day).

Q: How can I take an unpaid legal job and still pay my rent?

A: Good question. Some possible ways include applying for summer fellowships, HPILF summer stipends, and combining part-time paid work with part-time unpaid legal work. Two good resources for identifying summer fellowships are [pslawnet.org](http://pslawnet.org) (check out the Summer Funding Guide under the link entitled, "Helpful Pslawnet Resources") and the Harvard Public Interest Job Search Guide (available in the CSO). Come into the CSO to research these, and other, options.

As always, the CSO staff is always happy to answer your questions (frequently or infrequently asked), so feel free to stop by anytime!

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## FEATURED CITY OF THE WEEK

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By expanding your job search and being flexible geographically, you can increase your job opportunities!

### Consider Cleveland!

**Fun Facts:** Cleveland was rated by Fortune Magazine as one of the 10 best cities for business in North America. With 2.9 million residents, Cleveland is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest consumer market in the United States. Cleveland is also home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

### **Theater / Performing Arts Arts:**

The Cleveland Playhouse is the longest running professional regional theater in the country. Cleveland is also home to the largest performing arts center in the country outside of New York City.

**For the sports fans:** Cleveland offers the Browns (NFL), the Indians (MLB), and the Cavaliers (NBA).

**Cost of Living:** The lifestyle you can afford with **\$100,000** in San Francisco requires **\$41,709** (if you plan to buy a house) and **\$66,009** (if you plan to rent) in Cleveland.

For more information on Cleveland, click [www.cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com).

To apply for jobs in Cleveland, check the **Job Bank** section for employers interviewing off-campus, contact employers directly, and network with alumni in the greater Cleveland area by requesting a list from College Relations.



## Alumni Mentor Orientations for the Week of 1/23

### *Please Sign-Up in Advance*

Tuesday: 11:10 AM

Thursday: 3:40 PM



### **JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!**

Everyday, the Career Services Office receives new listings for both **part-time**, and **summer positions**. **Post-JD** positions, including **judicial clerkships**, are also available. Log Onto [LawCareer](http://LawCareer) and click on the **School Job Postings** often to check for new postings.

**Getting geared up for your spring job search? We are seeing a good amount of new postings on LawCareer everyday to help you focus your efforts. Here is just a taste of what came in last week.**

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### SUMMER POSITIONS

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#### **Law Office of Borgeson & Burns, P.C.** - Fairbanks, Alaska

How about a paid summer internship in Alaska? The beginning and ending dates of the internship are flexible, but interns should plan to spend 3 to 4 months with the firm in Fairbanks. Compensation for the internship is \$3,000 per month plus a round trip travel stipend.

**Years Requested:** 2L, top 20% preferred

**Materials Requested:** Resume, Writing Sample, Transcript

**Deadline:** February 11, 2004

#### **Asian Law Alliance** - San Jose

For those of you interested in serving the local Asian American community, the ALA is offering a full-time law clerk position for a ten-week period beginning June 2004. The Asian Pacific Bar Association of the Silicon Valley provides a \$2,000 scholarship to

each law clerk. Law clerks will have the opportunity to participate in various aspects of ALA services, including initial client contact, fact investigation, legal research and writing, drafting of pleadings and discovery materials, and trial and hearing preparation.

**Years Requested:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**Materials Requested:** Resume, Cover Letter (specific questions to be answered)

**Deadline:** March 1, 2004

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### JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

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#### **Superior Court of California** – San Francisco

Work as a law clerk to the judges of the court for a one-year term beginning in August or September 2004. The San Francisco Court employs between five and nine Legal Research Assistants per year.

**Years Requested:** 3L

**Materials Requested:** Superior Court of California, Legal Research Assistant Application, Resume, Transcript, 3 Letters of Recommendation, Writing Sample.

**Deadline:** March 16, 2004



### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### **Monday, January 19**

##### ***Martin Luther King Jr.***

**Holiday.** *The CSO will be closed but will reopen again at Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 6:00pm.*

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

*3:40 – 4:30 pm; Room F*

##### ***What You Need to Know About PI/PS Day –***

*Orientation and panel on the upcoming Public Interest Fair.*

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