



Career Corner

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CAREER TIPS

Pursuing Public Interest Law

Do you want to help immigrants seek asylum, tenants resist eviction, or educate the public about prison conditions? These are a few examples of how you can use your law degree in public interest law careers. "Public Interest Law" is a term used to describe practice that assists those disadvantaged by legal, political, and/or social structures. Public interest attorneys work at non-profits, government, firms, or as solo practitioners doing a wide variety of work.

You can successfully become a public interest attorney, and the Public Interest Law Program (PILP) is here to help you! There are several ways PILP can help you pursue your path. First, join the Pro Bono Project! The Pro Bono Project allows Hastings students to volunteer at local non-profit and government offices throughout the school year. Work ranges from legal research/writing and interviewing clients, to legislative advocacy and translation work. The Pro Bono Project is a fantastic way to meet attorneys, start working with clients during law school, explore a particular field of law, and beef up your resume. As one Pro Bono Project participant wrote, "It is important to be a volunteer sometimes—as law students and soon-to-be-lawyers, we tend to think we know how to do something best. It's good for [us] to remember that we need to play a humble role sometimes in order to make changes." Different organizations seek different time

commitments, but as there are currently 30 organizations seeking law school volunteers, you can find something that will fit your schedule!

Second, by joining PILP, you will be eligible for the Public Interest Law Certificate, graduation ceremony, PILP summer fellowships, and a newsletter of job opportunities after graduation.

Third, by getting involved in the Pro Bono Project and/or PILP, you will receive Pro Bono News of the Week, a weekly newsletter of volunteer opportunities and community events.

Fourth, PILP holds office hours at **Career Services every Tuesday from 12:30PM to 2:30PM**. Either Althea Smiley, Director of the Public Interest Law Program, or Krista Glaser, Pro Bono Legal Corps Attorney, will be available to speak with you. Career Services also has a binder full of pro bono opportunities. If you want to talk about the Pro Bono Project, or other public interest work, stop by or call the CSO for an appointment. Questions? Contact Althea at asmiley@pic.org or Krista at kglaser@pic.org

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- Mon. 10/17, 3:40 – 5:30 pm, *Keynote Speaker, Paul Henderson* Special Event in Room B.
- Wed. 10/19, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, *Envisioning Public Interest*, Panel & Reception in Room J.
- Fri. 10/21, 11:40 am– 12:30, *Effective Cover Letters and Resumes*, Workshop in Room F.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Everyday, the Career Services Office receives new listings.

Log onto: **HastingsCareers.com** and check *often* for new postings.

Just a few highlights:

FALL POSITION

Law Offices of Scott Righthand,

P.C., Law Clerk. Significant exposure to litigation.

Research/write memos, motions and assorted legal documents under supervision.

Years Requested: 2L, 3L

Apply to: scott@righthandlaw.net

Deadline: 11/04/2005

SUMMER POSITIONS

Hayes Soloway P.C.

Law Clerk/Attorney: Tucson, AZ Intellectual Property Law Firm seeking attorneys/law clerks with degrees in science or engineering. Trained in patent prosecution or procurement.

Years Requested: 2L, 3L

Materials Requested: Cover letter and resume to: Shauna Bronson, Office Manager, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., Suite 140, Tucson AZ 85718 or sbronson@hayes-soloway.com

Fax: 520-882-7643

Deadline: 12/06/2005

American Bar Association,

Section of Litigation, Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, \$1,500 stipend. Locations: Chicago, IL; Houston and Southern TX; Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ. Work with judge specializing in intellectual property law. Additional materials available in CSO student jobs binder.

Years Requested: 1L, 2L

Apply online:

<http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop>

Deadline: 1/31/2006

Natural Resources Defense

Council Paid Summer Legal Intern,

Hiring process is rolling; apply early.

Years Requested: 1L, 2L

Apply: nbadaglicco@nrdc.org, 1314 Second St., Santa Monica, 90401-1133

Deadline: 2Ls - 11/15/2005;

1Ls - 1/15/2006

Lane, Powell, Spears, Lubersky, **LLP**

Summer Associate and George V. Powell Diversity Scholarship 2006, Seattle or Portland. \$6,000 scholarship for 3rd year tuition.

Looking for students to contribute to legal community diversity and demonstrate desire to practice law in Seattle or Portland. Academics, leadership and community service will be considered.

Years Requested: 2L

Materials Requested: Cover letter (statement indicating eligibility), resume, law school transcript, legal writing sample, 2-3 professional/academic references.

Apply: rodenl@lanepowell.com, 1420 Fifth Ave., Suite 4100, Seattle, WA 98101-2338

Deadline: 11/01/2005

FELLOWSHIPS

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional

Counsel, 2 year Honors Attorney Fellowship. Excellent academics and strong interest needed. Extensive training and exposure with significant responsibility and complex caseload. Approximately \$60,000./year.

Years Requested: 3L

Materials Requested: Resume (accomplishments, work experience, class rank, contact phone numbers, e-mail), official transcript, cover letter (explain interest), 3 references (law school professor and employer: name, address, phone) to: U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, Bill Keener, Assistant Regional

Counsel, 75 Hawthorne St., Recruitment Coordinator (ORC-1), San Francisco CA 94105; or keener.bill@epa.gov with "2006 Fellowship Application" in subject line. Documents in Word, WordPerfect, or pdf.

Deadline: 10/30/2005

American Society of International Law Fellowship,

Part-time. In honor of Arthur C. Helton's career advocating for refugees and contributing to international law. Pay up to \$1,000. Pursue human rights work/research. Questions to: fellowship@asil.org

Years Requested: 1L, 2L, 3L

Apply online:

<http://www.asil.org/aboutasil/heltonindex.html>

Deadline: 2/15/2006

GRADUATING 3LS

Public Citizen Litigation Group,

Supreme Court - Assistance Project Coordinator. Work on Supreme Court cases for public interest firm. Strong academics, writing/analytical skills and knowledge of areas that arise in Supreme Court litigation. Min. \$34,000 DOE, fully paid health insurance and 3 weeks vacation.

Practical litigation experience preferred. Strong preference given to those with demonstrated commitment to public interest.

More info at www.citizen.org

Apply: 1600 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009

Years Requested: 3L

Deadline: 11/18/2005

Alumni Mentor Orientation

Tuesday, October 18th

3:10 pm – 4:10 pm

Advanced Sign-up Required!