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Human Rights Job Search Basics

International human rights law is dynamic, and its practice is extremely rewarding. It can include fact-finding investigation, community education, direct service representation, legal and policy reform, strategic litigation, and local, national, and international advocacy.

1 Do Some Research to Understand the Human Rights Landscape

- Consult our public interest job search tools for a wealth of useful information for your job search.
- Review the International Supplement for specific guidance on human rights work and opportunities available to you at Columbia Law School.

2 Meet with Kristi Ueda, PI/PS associate director of human rights and public international law

After brainstorming on your own about what human rights work interests you, request an advising appointment with Kristi on Symplicity.

Kristi can provide guidance on your internship search and application materials. If you are interested in a human rights career, she can help you plan your law school years with that goal in mind. She has contacts at human rights organizations around the world seeking interns and postgraduate fellows.

3 Apply to the Human Rights Internship Program (HRIP)

HRIP provides funding, training, and other support to 1Ls and 2Ls interning at human rights organizations abroad over the summer. Attend the mandatory summer funding information session, typically held in October, and submit your application on time. Applications are generally due in November.