

HUMAN RIGHTS JOB SEARCH BASICS

The field of human rights law is dynamic and the work is extremely rewarding. Work in the human rights field can include strategic litigation, policy work, advising, and advocacy. If you are interested in doing human rights work next summer, here are some things to do to get started:

STEP 1: Do some research to understand the human rights landscape

The [Job Search Tools page](#) contains a wealth of information for first-year law students. Students who are interested in doing international human rights should review the [International Supplement to the Public Interest Job Search Toolkit](#). The International Supplement discusses different types of human rights work, how to get started with this work while at Columbia, and different types of organizations to consider. [PSJD](#) and [ASIL](#) also provide useful information.

STEP 2: Meet with Kerry McLean, PI/PS Director of Human Rights & Public International Law

After giving some initial thought to what types of human rights work might interest you, make a counseling appointment through Symplicity to meet with Kerry. During your counseling session Kerry will help you to flesh out ideas and give guidance for securing your 1L summer internship. In addition, Kerry will provide guidance for navigating the three years as a law student to those who want to pursue human rights careers. Kerry also has a range of contacts with human rights organizations, many of which connect with students through the Human Rights Internship Program.

STEP 3: Apply to HRIP

The Human Rights Internship Program ("HRIP") provides funding, training, and other support to students interested in doing international human rights work over the summer.

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