



Explore Organizations and Find Open Positions

Compiled here are various resources for researching public interest legal organizations to see if they would be a good fit, and for finding open positions.

Databases and Websites

The following databases and websites are helpful tools as you explore and research public interest organizations you may be interested in working with. Apply directly to any open positions of interest that you find as you research.

- [PSJD.org](#): On this site, you can research organizations by subject and location and review job postings. For summer opportunities, start by searching “Employer Profiles” (rather than “Job Postings”) so that you can find organizations that meet your criteria, whether or not there is a current posting. For graduates, however, only send a formal application if there is a posting.
- CLS Student Evaluations: For the inside scoop on a job or organization, review past interns’ evaluations. Evaluations through summer 2017 can be found in [LawNet’s Public Interest Database](#) under “Student Services”. For post-2018 evaluations, search for the employer of interest on [Simplicity](#) (My Account > Evaluations > Search). Note that this is not a full collection of every student who interned with these employers; reach out to an SJI adviser if you’d like to locate additional students who can share their experiences.
- [Simplicity](#): This internal website contains all public interest, government, and human rights job postings that SJI receives.
- [SJI’s New York Public Interest Index](#): This list of organizations in the NY metro area is grouped by subject and helpful for learning more about public interest work being done nearby that you can be involved in. Check listed organizations’ websites for job postings.
- Other helpful job search sites include [idealist.org](#), [usajobs.gov](#), [higherjobs.org](#), [cleaweb.org](#), and [LinkedIn](#) where you can follow organizations of interest to receive job notifications and news of their work.

Job Fairs

In addition to applying directly to open positions which you can find through the websites above or directly on an organization’s website, job fairs are also sources of jobs and internships.

- [PILC Fair](#): The Public Interest Legal Career (PILC) Fair hosts 250+ public interest employers to interview and meet with current students in the New York area, mainly for 1L summer internships. The Fair is typically held in early February with registration opening in December and closing in January. Keep an eye out for more information via email in the late fall.
- [EJW](#): Held every fall, the Equal Justice Works Career Fair welcomes 200+ public interest employers and caters mostly to 2Ls, graduating 3Ls, and graduates.
- Fall and Spring OCI: Several public interest employers interview on campus at CLS every fall and spring. Keep an eye on your email for more information.