

RECRUITING *the* FORDHAM LAWYER

GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYERS 2017



How does Fordham Law prepare its graduates for careers in public service?

What practical skills can Fordham Law students bring to public interest and government employers?

Fordham Law provides its students with a complete legal education. Our graduates have the experience and talent that public service employers need in today's legal profession.

Fordham Law students hone vital legal advocacy skills such as writing, research, client counseling, and case preparation through our academic program and through experiences in our Clinics, Externship Program, and Public Interest Resource Center. As a result, our graduates begin their careers well prepared and equipped with the practical skills that employers can count on.

Preparing Students for Public Service Work

Fordham Law's **Clinical Education** program allows students to develop professional judgment and legal skills in a real practice setting. Each of our 18 clinics has a seminar and a casework component. This means students learn about theory and its application in core practice areas while developing advanced skills in interviewing, counseling, negotiation, and advocacy.

Our **Externship Program** helps students learn by doing. Through summer and semester externships, our students engage in public service and experience firsthand the structure of different institutions and the role the law plays in each. Our externships place students in a variety of legal settings in government and nonprofit organizations—locally, nationally, and internationally.

Fordham Law's **Public Interest Resource Center** (PIRC) provides a wealth of public service opportunities for students—from their first through final semesters.

PIRC is one of the largest law student pro bono centers in the country, with 25 student groups that facilitate advocacy work by approximately 400 students—roughly one-third of the student body—every year. Many of these student volunteers are 1Ls, whose first-year of law school is greatly enhanced by this service/community work.

The graduating class of 2017 logged nearly 120,000 hours of service during their time at Fordham Law, including pro bono work as well as clinical and externship experiences. In 2008, Fordham Law received the ABA's Pro Bono Publico Award—making us only the third law school to be so recognized in the award's 34-year history.

Summer Funding for Public Service Work

Fordham Law annually funds over 100 summer fellowships for students to pursue public service work. PIRC can help market your summer positions to our students. Students you hire are eligible to apply for summer fellowships through Fordham Law. For more information on our school-sponsored summer fellowships, visit law.fordham.edu/summerfellowships and law.fordham.edu/steinscholarsbrochure.

Award-Winning Students

Fordham Law ranks among the top 15 schools nationally for post-graduate public interest fellowships. For a comprehensive list, visit law.fordham.edu/publicinterestfellowships.

Our students are routinely recognized for their exemplary commitment to public service. In 2017 Lorena Jiron '17 received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to start the Single Mother Empowerment Project at

"Fordham Law prepared me very well for a career in public interest law. The Law School offers myriad opportunities to get involved in the community and the student population is authentically engaged in service work. As a student, I was really impressed with how committed to service my peers were and, as an alumna, I am grateful to have attended a school that is so dedicated to preparing lawyers to work for the public good."

ERIN MILES-CLOUD '11
Team Leader and Attorney,
Family Defense Practice
The Bronx Defenders



"I sought out my legal education at Fordham Law because of its location in the heart of Manhattan and its unique commitment to public interest law. The Stein Scholars Program, the Public Interest Resource Center, the diverse public interest commitments of my fellow classmates, and the wide array of adjunct civil rights legal practitioners provided me the support I needed to receive a well-rounded and competitive public interest education."

DAVID KNIGHT '03
Trial Attorney, Disability Rights Section,
Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department
of Justice, Washington, D.C.



Day One in New York City. Laura Wooley '17 received an Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship to work at Atlas DIY in New York City, and Kwame Akosah '15 became Fordham's first recipient of the New York City Law Department Corporation Counsel Honors Fellowship.

Additionally, during the 2016-2017 academic year six graduates received one of the following four prestigious public interest fellowships: the New York City Social Justice Postgraduate Fellowship, New York State Empire Fellowship, Poverty Justice Solutions, and the New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship.

Career Support for Students and Alumni

PIRC has three dedicated counselors to guide students on their public service legal career path. PIRC's career support services complement those of our **Career Planning Center** (CPC) and consist of a full array of job search services—including job counseling, career fairs, and workshops—for students and alumni. Working together, PIRC and CPC assist alumni seeking to advance in or transition to careers in public service, which can help you market positions for experienced attorneys.

Fordham Law graduates work in public service and government positions throughout the country and around the world, including legal aid and legal services; public defender offices; state prosecutor and district attorney offices; local, state, federal and international government agencies and bureaus; and direct-service, policy, and international human rights NPOs and NGOs.



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J.D. Recruiting at Fordham

On-Campus Recruitment: Employers interested in participating in either the Fall or Spring On-Campus Interview Programs should visit law.fordham.edu/oci for relevant dates and procedures.

Resume Collect Program: The CPC offers formal Resume Collect Programs three times a year (September 8 and October 6 in 2017, and January 26 in 2018). Employers receive application materials from interested students and invite selected students to their offices for an interview. Visit law.fordham.edu/resumecollect for details.

Online Job Bank: Employers may post part-time, summer, postgraduate, and lateral positions in our password-protected online job bank, accessible to Fordham Law students and alumni. Visit law.fordham.edu/postajob for more information.

Fordham Law's recruiting programs and job bank are managed by the CPC through its online system Symplicity. To discuss questions about recruiting at Fordham Law, or to obtain a Symplicity username and password, contact Mitchell Weitz, manager of legal recruiting, at 212-636-7603 or weitz@law.fordham.edu.

LL.M. Recruiting at Fordham

Employers interested in recruiting LL.M. students should contact the Graduate Professional Development Program at law.fordham.edu/recruitingllm.