

CAREER NEWS



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Career Development Office

About Us: Our office is here to counsel students when defining their career path, educate students on diverse legal career options, collaborate with student groups to present relevant programming, provide helpful resources, and connect with legal employers and alumni.

Our Staff: [Check out our website](#) to see a full list of team members and learn about our roles. You can also stop by our offices, located at 128 Hughes Hall, to say hello in person.

Meet with Us: You can reach us at 607-255-5873, or cls-careers@cornell.edu Monday – Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30PM and Friday 8:00AM – 4:00PM. We are available for in-person, phone and Zoom appointments through the [Bookings Page](#).

ALL JDs & LLMs:

Summer 2026 Paid Internship Opportunity: The Tenants Advocacy Program is excited to announce a full-time, eight-week summer internship for J.D. students interested in housing justice and eviction defense. Click here for more information. Please email a short statement of interest and your resume to tenantsadvocacy@cornell.edu by January 31st, 2026.

Law & Public Defense 2026 Opportunity: Cornell University's Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, Cornell Law School Career Development Office, Cornell Career Services, the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, and the Tompkins County Office of Assigned Counsel are partnering on a summer academy offering training and paid public service internships for Cornell undergraduates and law students. The ten-week program includes two weeks of training followed by internships with trial lawyers representing indigent individuals in upstate New York. Students will gain hands-on experience in case investigation, legal research, motion practice, and courtroom proceedings, with a focus on criminal defense and family-related matters.

Apply by February 18, 2026: Email a resume and cover letter with a statement of interest to Adrienne M. Larimer at al992@cornell.edu. Subject line: *Application Materials for – Your Name – Cornell Defender Program*. Funding: Eligible for Summer Public Interest Fellowship (PIF) funding. Law firm–sponsored public interest stipends should be noted in application materials.

Summer Associate Hub Virtual IP Interview Program: Friday, January 30, 2026. Register [here](#). The Summer Associate Hub Virtual IP Interview Program is a one-day virtual interview program that gives 1Ls the opportunity to apply, interview, and network with firms specifically hiring for their patent law practices. This program is open to current 1Ls (Class of 2028) with a technical degree interested in practicing patent law and seeking summer associate openings for 1L Summer in 2026 and/or 2L Summer

in 2027. The IP Virtual Interview Program is **free** for students. Registration is open on a rolling basis and confirmation details will follow.

Virtual Panel “What a Clerkship Really Teaches You: Perspectives from Practitioners”: We look forward to seeing you at the virtual panel on **Thursday, January 29, 12:10-1:10 pm; G65 MTH**. RSVP by January 28, for fantastic food: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/rsvp/?id=140>

Virtual Info Session with Navy JAG: Tuesday, February 3rd at 12PM hear from LTJG Sylvester to learn more about the Navy JAG Corps and this unique career path and how you can apply to join the ranks.

PILC Fair: The PILC Fair will be held virtually on February 5 & 6, 2026. Information and registration are available at [2026 Public Interest Legal Career Fair | NYU School of Law](https://www.nyu.edu/law/academics/career-exploration/pilc-fair.html). The fair provides a forum for employers and students to connect for internships and permanent positions. This year, 269 organizations will participate. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students regardless of class year. Table Talk registration begins at 9:00 am on Monday, February 2. If you require any accommodations to participate in the Fair, please reach out to <mailto:law.pilcfair@nyu.edu>, and they will be happy to assist.

EXCELSIOR FELLOWSHIP: The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program is a paid two-year fellowship offering talented graduate, law, and advanced degree program graduates unmatched training and experience in New York State government. Excelsior Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies and authorities, advancing the operational and legal aspects of important policy initiatives. Fellows will also participate in a Professional Development program focusing on leadership development and the fundamentals of New York State government.

After completing the Excelsior Service Fellowship, exceptional fellows may continue to serve New York State. More than 50% of prior classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship. Applications will be due on **February 28, 2026 with interviews scheduled on the Cornell campus on March 24 and March 25, 2026**

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit the following materials **in one PDF document** to the Career Development Office, akua.akyea@cornell.edu by **COB on February 28, 2026**: resume, transcript, 2 references (at least one of which should be academic in nature), and a personal statement/cover letter. The personal statement should outline your interest in the Excelsior Service Fellowship and your commitment to public service (no more than 750 words).

Cornell Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) Law Clerk Summer Internship: Cornell University’s Office of General Counsel (OGC) is the University’s in-house legal office, with practice areas including litigation and compliance; research, technology, and academic innovation; business and transactions; and people and belonging. OGC provides comprehensive legal services to Cornell leadership and the Board of Trustees, with attorneys based in Ithaca and at Weill Cornell Medicine in NYC.

Details: Full-time, in-person position in Ithaca (Sage House, 118 Sage Place). Pay is \$20/hour for 39 hours per week (8:30–5:00) during the summer. If extended into the academic year, hours will be approximately 8–12 per week (TBD).

Applications: Review begins January 26, 2026.

Supervisor: [Gladys Brangman](mailto:Gladys.Brangman@cornell.edu), Executive Assistant and Law Office Manager.

LLMs:

A Message from the Dean Akyea: Networking in the U.S. is less transactional than you may expect. Informational conversations are not favors; they are the currency of the legal market. Students who schedule steady, low-pressure conversations can have great outcomes. Think of the LLM year as a one-year professional residency. Every class, activity, and conversation should ladder up to a coherent story: *What kind of lawyer am I becoming, and where does my international background add value?* And do not undersell your prior experiences such as Multijurisdictional thinking, cultural adaptability, and facility with comparative regulatory systems. **Final Thought:** Ask people about their practice evolution, not job openings. Lawyers remember thoughtful questions. They forget cold requests.

Summer 2026 Law Clerk Intern | East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) | Symplicity Job ID: 75043 | California | In eight distinct clinics, EBCLC staff and students take a multimodal approach to addressing the causes and conditions of poverty and inequality by providing to clients legal education and outreach, brief services, holistic representation, and policy advocacy | A demonstrated commitment to serving low-income, minority and underrepresented individuals and groups, and/or previous experience in one of our practice areas or in public interest law is highly desirable, as is second language ability in any of the following: Spanish, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Cambodian, or Farsi. | LLMs

International Tax / Private Client Lawyers (Switzerland): | Symplicity Job ID: 73919 | Position focused on further expansion of US / International Tax & Wealth Management practice in Zurich and Geneva | LLMs

Externally-Funded Legal Fellowship | Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti | Symplicity ID: 71427 | A graduating law or LLM student or recent graduate for a one or two-year externally-funded legal Fellowship focused on advancing Haitian human rights. The Fellowship is designed to train and empower new lawyers to advance social justice movements in the Global South through immersive practice in human rights advocacy within a solidarity framework. | Remote | JDs, LLMs

1Ls:

2L Virtual OCI - February 16th & 17th: We will host a two-day Virtual OCI program in February to provide employers an opportunity to connect with Cornell students who are still seeking at that point. The program will be conducted virtually through FloRecruit. **Participating Students should now have access to their schedules in Symplicity in the OCI tab. We will email ahead of next wee with details on the Open Slots process.** The virtual event will take place on Monday and Tuesday, February 16th and 17th.

Pillsbury 2027 2L Summer Associate Targeted Recruitment: The recruiter from Pillsbury, NY is looking for Cornell Law Applicants to send application materials directly via email at your earliest convenience | Send application materials directly to Morgan Murphy <mailto:Morgan.Murphy@Pillsburylaw.com> and title the email [First Name Last Name Cornell Law Application 2027 2L SA].

Stoel Rives Targeted Recruitment: Stoel Rives is a leading U.S. corporate and litigation law firm providing sophisticated business clients high quality legal services. With offices in seven states and Washington, D.C., Stoel Rives is a nationally recognized leader in project finance and the energy and natural resources industries. Use this [link](#) to see all open positions. The recruitment team is interested in Cornell Law Students applying directly by emailing materials to Charlotte Kortenhof charlotte.kortenhof@stoel.com.

Recruitment Policies

For full and detailed information on the updated guidelines that apply to students and employers, head

to our website [here](#).

Professionalism & Offers

As you navigate through the interviewing process and receive offers of employment, you may be looking for guidance on how to respond and next steps. Please do refer to our [Student Handbook](#) for details and helpful information. Also, don't hesitate to reach out to one of our team members or book an appointment with a counselor through [bookings](#) for more detailed guidance.

2Ls & 3Ls

On Tuesday, January 20, at 8:00 a.m. EST, all 2Ls received **read-only access to OSCAR**, the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review. OSCAR is a tool which federal judges may use, if they wish, to publicize and/or accept clerkship applications.

[MoloLamken's Advocacy Academy](#): MoloLamken's Advocacy Academy is a one-week, intensive trial and appellate advocacy boot camp in New York City being held 8/2-8/7 2026. The firm covers travel and hosts the full program, with small-group trainings led by firm attorneys. Name partners Steve Molo and Jeff Lamken personally participate. Only 12 students nationwide are selected each year, typically including one Cornell student. The Academy is designed to complement a summer internship and takes place at the end of the summer. Participants receive a \$4,500 stipend. Students pursuing public interest or public defense are encouraged to apply—Big Law is not required. Last year's Cornell participant, [Avery M. Newcom](#) was committed to public defense and is available to answer questions.

Upcoming Events

- [Virtual Panel “What a Clerkship Really Teaches You”](#) | Thursday Jan. 29 | 12:10 – 1:10PM | G65 MTH | Please [RSVP](#) for delicious Thai food!
- [Virtual Info Session with Navy JAG](#) | Feb. 3rd | 12PM | Virtual
- [PILC Fair](#) | Feb. 5 & 6 | Virtually | [Register](#)

View more opportunities in [Symplicity](#), [PSJD.org](#), and the [Arizona Guide](#).

Contact our office for the *Arizona Guide* password.

Opportunities:

- [Summer 2026 Internship](#) | Office of General Counsel House of Representatives | DC | 1Ls & 2Ls
- [2026 1L Summer Associate Position](#) | Hunton Andrews Kurth | New York | 1Ls
- [2027 2L Cleveland Summer Associate](#) | Ice Miller | Cleveland, OH | 1Ls
- [Summer Associate 2026](#) | Keller Rohrback | WA, AZ, CA, NY | 1Ls
- [2026 Summer Associate Program](#) | FBT Gibbons | Various | 1Ls

View more detailed information and events in [Symplicity](#)



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