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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:

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.

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](#). 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 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, aku.a.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](#), Executive Assistant and Law Office Manager.

LLMs:

Legislative Affairs Program Summer 2026 Clerkships | The Animal Legal Defense Fund’s mission is to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. This internship provides resources and opportunities to law students and professionals to advance the emerging field of animal law. | 35 hours/week for 10 weeks in summer 2026 | Remote | JDs, LLMS

Law Clerk /Associate Attorney | Our dynamic, full-service law office is seeking a passionate, dependable, and charismatic Law Clerk who is planning to become an Associate Attorney to join our team. We are committed to providing exceptional legal services across a broad range of practice areas, including Criminal Defense, Immigration, Litigation, Business Law & Formation, Family Law, and Student Services. | Chinese-speaking (Mandarin) preferred | In person | Des Moines, Iowa | JDs, LLMS

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Frankfurt Office) International Arbitration Internship | We welcome applications from outstanding lawyers, postgraduate students in law, as well as recent graduates. Mastery of English is a pre-requisite. Fluency in other languages, especially German and Spanish, would be an advantage. The foreign lawyer / internship program in Freshfields’ International Arbitration Group would expose you to a wide range of cross-border work, including some of the most complex and interesting international disputes currently subject to arbitration | Frankfurt, DE | JDs, LLMS

1Ls:

1L & 2L Summer Reporting:

- If you have secured a *1L summer job*, [please fill out this survey](#) at your earliest convenience. Please only fill out the survey once.
- If you have secured a *2L summer job*, [please fill out this survey](#) to let us know the details about your position and the interview process with that employer.

Tracking this data is essential to helping other members of the class that are still seeking and the incoming class of 2029.

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. **There will be another open slots period beginning Monday, February 9th at NOON and closing on Tuesday, February 10th at NOON.** The event will take place virtually on Monday and Tuesday, February 16th and 17th. **Monday, February 9th is the last day students can drop out of the Virtual Job Fair without having accepted an offer.**

Baker Botts is seeking Cornell applicants: Baker Botts notified our team that the firm is looking for Cornell candidates interested in Dallas (Tax), Houston (IP & Tax), San Francisco (Tax), Washington, DC (Antitrust). If you are still seeking and interested in any of these office locations and practice areas, please notify Director Kosowitz directly via email bk396@cornell.edu and attach your resume.

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 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.

2026 Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry, Jr. Judicial Fellowship Program | The LGBT Bar Association Foundation of Greater New York | Will consist of a 10 to 12-week summer internship that offers law students the opportunity to rotate among multiple LGBTQ+ and ally judges at various levels of the judiciary. This experience provides an insider's understanding of the judicial system, along with the opportunity to work alongside openly LGBTQIA judges and allies. In addition to observing court proceedings, students can expect to complete 1-2 written assignments consisting of draft decisions and/or memoranda. | Materials due Feb 27th, 2026

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

- [PILC Fair](#) | Feb. 5 & 6 | Virtually | [Register](#)
- [NY Bar Public Interest Interviewing: Tips & Tricks](#) | Tues, Feb. 3 | 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. | Webinar
- [NY Bar: Effective Communication Across Generations: Reducing Stress and Strengthening the Management of Legal Work](#) | Thurs, Feb. 12 | 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. | Webinar | NY CLE Credit: 2.0 Law Practice Management
- [NY Bar: Legal Writing Primer for New Lawyers](#) | Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m | Webinar

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
- [2026 1L Scholars Program](#) | Lowenstein Sandler | New York, Palo Alto, New Jersey, Utah, or Washington, D.C. | 1Ls
- [2027 2L Summer Associate Position](#) | Meltzer Lippe | Minneola NY | 1Ls

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



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