

What is Your Summer Plan?

1L (1D/2E)
Student
Summer
Opportunities

Courts

Other

Federal or
CA Court of
Appeals
F or V

State Courts
F or V

Research Assistant
for Professor
V W

Government
F V \$ S

Public Interest
(Non-Profit)
F V \$ A P S

Loyola Social
Justice Law Clinics
Openings and requirements
vary by clinic; not all clinics
participate in the Public
Interest Fair or PIPSCD
F V A P S

Entertainment &
Sports
F or \$

Private Law Firm or
Company
F or \$

Credit/Compensation Options

- F Field Placement:** Earn academic credit (must pay tuition for summer). Consult the [Field Placements Department](#), [Director of Private Field Placements](#) or [Entertainment Law Practicum](#) regarding eligibility and enrollment.
- V Volunteer:** Gain experience; no pay and no credits.
- \$ Paid:** Receive a stipend or wage from an employer (more common for 2L).
- A Segal AmeriCorps Education Award:** Complete 300 hours of service (volunteer or field placement) with agency that serves veterans.
- P PILF:** Qualify for a fellowship grant through the [Public Interest Law Foundation Scholarship](#) by early April.
- S SPIEP:** Apply for work-study funding through the [Summer Public Interest Employment Program](#) by mid-March.*
- W Work Study:** Apply for work-study funding by mid-March.*

* Your summer work-student allocation may affect your fall financial aid allocation. Consult [Financial Aid](#) when applying.

Typical Application Materials

- ✓ **Resume:** Send to your career counselor for review.
 - ✓ **Cover Letter:** Send to your career counselor for review.
 - ✓ **Transcript(s):** Typically, law school transcripts are not ready until the end of January. If applying before then, mention in your cover letter that you will send transcripts as soon as they are available. Unless specified, unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
 - ✓ **Writing Sample with Cover Page:** 1Ls may use memoranda from Legal Research & Writing.
- Application requirements vary by employer. Check the job listing for specific materials. Unless requested otherwise, submit documents as a PDF and label files with your name. [Review our website for document preparation resources.](#)

Judges should receive applications on December 1

- READ the [Judicial Field Placement Handbook](#)
- ATTEND the Judicial Field Placement Information Session on October 8
- ATTEND the Judicial Field Placement Panel on October 22
- MEET with your career counselor so they can review your resume and cover letter (appointments start in mid-October)
- SUBMIT Graded I LRW to Loyola Writing Tutors by October 31 (or November 16 if using Graded II)
- MAIL applications to Federal & California Courts of Appeal, or Federal District Courts, Magistrate and/or Bankruptcy Judges the week of November 23 to arrive December 1

Start applying after December finals

- READ the [Judicial Field Placement Handbook](#)
- RESEARCH and APPLY to Court of Appeals and/or Superior Court judges (deadline for Los Angeles Superior Court judges is mid-February but students are advised to apply by mid-January)

Start asking after December finals

- PREPARE talking points about how you can assist the professor with research (undergraduate research experience and strong legal research and writing skills are helpful)
- REQUEST a brief meeting with current professors and other professors to ask if they need a research assistant for the summer, and if so, how to apply
- CHECK [Symlicity](#) for Spring semester faculty Research Assistant postings.

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- RESEARCH employers via the virtual Government and Public Interest Fair online starting on November 1
- APPLY for interviews held at the [Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day](#) in December, and attend in February
- PARTICIPATE in Spring [OCI](#); bid in January and interview starting in February
- Review the [Government Honors & Internship Handbook](#) (Password: llshonors)
- CHECK [Symlicity](#) Job Postings and CDO's weekly e-newsletter throughout the Spring semester

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- APPLY to employers on [Loyola's Approved Pro Bono lists](#)
- JOIN bar associations and attend events; build your network (check the [CDO website](#) for a list of organizations and networking resources)

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- REVIEW the [Experiential Learning Fair webpage](#) in the Spring semester
- CONTACT clinical directors for volunteer opportunities by mid-March
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- JOIN student groups such as the Entertainment and Sports Law Society, Women in Entertainment Law Society, and the Loyola Sports Law Association for notifications of upcoming positions
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