JOB SEARCH RESOURCE SHEET

There are many paths open to you in your public interest, government, or human rights job search. The following resources will help. Do your research and then meet with a Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) advisor. This is often the most valuable component of a student's search!

Job Application Materials

The Toolkit
Our SJI Guides page links to our Public Interest Job Search Toolkit, International Public Interest Job Search Toolkit, and LLM Supplement. Use these sample-packed guides to draft and update your materials, polish your public interest interview skills, and more.

SJI Advising
Our advisors are here to assist you with your search process, review your materials, and conduct mock interviews. We also offer a nationwide network of advisors with knowledge of local job markets and employers.

Job Postings

PSJD: The Public Service Jobs Directory
Sign up for a daily email from PSJD, the primary resource for the public interest job market.

Symplicity
Symplicity lists internships, pro bono work, and postgraduate jobs sent to us by employers.

Public Interest

Advisors*: Maddie Kurtz – mkurtz@law.columbia.edu, Laren Spirer – ls spirer@law.columbia.edu (1L advising only)

SJI’s New York Public Interest Index
At SJI Guides, you will find an index of NYC-area organizations and government agencies (including some in New Jersey and upstate New York). The Index can help you generate ideas for internships and pro bono.

SJI Public Interest Database
For the inside scoop on summer internships (domestic and international), read intern evaluations in LawNet’s Social Justice Initiatives Public Interest Database. The Database may also spark ideas for your own internship. (Note: Not all employers have received evaluations. Consider this a partial list of possibilities.)

* Additional advisors with specific areas of expertise are listed on our website.
Government

Advisors*: Rachel Pauley – rachel.pauley@law.columbia.edu, Kiran Singh – ksing@law.columbia.edu

The Arizona Guide
The essential guide to government opportunities is the Government Honors & Internship Handbook, also known as “the Arizona Guide.” (Our password: publicservice.)

SJI Government Guides

Summer Judicial Internships
Finding a Summer Judicial Internship on the SJI Guides page provides an overview of these opportunities, instructions for researching judges, and guidance on the application process. You will also find resources in Symplicity’s “Alerts” section. You may see any SJI advisor about judicial internships.

Human Rights

Advisor*: Nyaguthii Chege – nchege@law.columbia.edu

On our site, you will find international job resources and a list of advisors who specialize in international human rights. The SJI Public Interest Database on LawNet is a good source of internship ideas.

Postgraduate Fellowships

Numerous fellowship opportunities are available to you, including many dedicated to Columbia Law students. We are here to help with your search and application. Visit SJI Guides to review fellowship guides and a list of Columbia-specific fellowships. Then contact the SJI advisor relevant to your interest area.

Postgraduate Clerkships

Advisor*: Anne Greene – agreen11@law.columbia.edu

To receive clerkship-related emails, go to Symplicity’s Clerkship module and select “Yes” under “Clerkship Search Active.” Visit our Clerkship page for a Clerkship Handbook and more.

Academia

Check out the Clinical Legal Education Association and the Law School’s Careers in Law Teaching Program to learn about academic careers and see job postings.

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