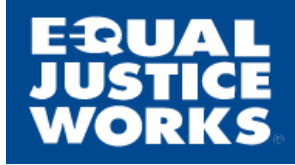


The 1L Guide to the Conference & Career Fair Guide



The Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair is the largest national public interest legal career fair in the country. More than 160 public interest employers conduct interviews for internships and full-time jobs and meet with students in informal “table talk” discussions of public interest legal opportunities. Over 1,200 students from nearly 200 law schools attend for interviews, workshops on public interest careers, job search advice, networking, resume and cover letter review, mock interviews, and more.



For three decades Equal Justice Works has created opportunities for public interest lawyers committed to building a more just society. We believe that the poorest and most vulnerable among us deserve the same access to justice and quality legal representation as the privileged. To achieve this, we offer a continuum of opportunities for law students and lawyers that provide the training and skills that enable them to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes.

Why Should 1Ls Attend?

- If [public interest law](#) is your dream job, then this is the perfect conference for you!
- The chance to land your first big public interest law summer internship! Keep checking our [employer list](#) – we update it continuously as we add new legal aid and public defender organizations.
- Even if you don’t land an interview, [Table Talk](#) is a great way to introduce yourself to a potential future employer. You may even get a follow-up interview or job after talking to the employer!

- As a new law student, it's important to network as much as possible. You'll have opportunities to mingle with hundreds of public interest lawyers, law students, community organizers, legal advocates, and more!
- The 2016 keynote speaker is [Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan](#) and Ralph Nader will serve as the opening speaker.
- There are a variety of skills trainings, workshops, panels, and break-out sessions to learn more about the world of public interest law, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, social entrepreneurship, and more.
- You can get your first hands-on legal clinic experience by participating in a Pro Bono Service Day with Equal Justice Works and D.C.-area public interest lawyers.

Stay Ahead of the Curve!

Your first year of law school is an excellent time to learn about all the different practice areas and legal issues within the field of public interest law. Attending the 2016 Conference will:

- Give you first dibs on information about applying to the prestigious [Equal Justice Works Fellowship](#) – many successful applicants begin working with host organizations during their 1L summer;
- Prepare you for the realities of working in public interest law while managing your educational debt with [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#);
- Teach you the skills you need to become an on-campus public interest law leader. We've got sessions on everything from social entrepreneurship to international law.



2016 Conference Deadlines & Dates

- August 15** Student registration opens. [Register here](#) to apply for open internships, fellowships, and jobs!
- September 14** Student registration for open jobs and internships closes.
- September 15** Open registration continues for keynote session with Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, networking reception, workshops, panels, and Table Talk.
- September 17** Employers begin reviewing applications.
- October 1** Employers end the interview selection period.
- October 7** Last day for students with accepted applications to sign up for an interview time.
- October 28th & 29th** The 2016 Conference and Career Fair begins!

[Click here](#) to view the 2016 Conference & Career Fair schedule!

Further Questions

If you have any further questions, please see the [Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair page](#) or email careerfair@equaljusticeworks.com.