

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 Attend?

- The chance to connect with over 160 employers and get hired for your dream job! Keep checking our [employer list](#) – we update it continuously as we add new legal aid and public defender organizations.
- Networking opportunities with hundreds of public interest lawyers, law students, community organizers, legal advocates, and more!
- Even if you don't land an interview, [Table talk](#) is an open period of time where employers are available to speak with students on a first-come, first-served basis. It's 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!
- You will have the opportunity to hear from notable speakers throughout the two-day event. 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.
- Opportunity to participate in a Pro Bono Service Day with Equal Justice Works and D.C.-area public interest lawyers.

Student Registration

Students can register and [apply for open jobs and internships online](#). For help on navigating the online application system, check out our [2016 Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair User Guide!](#)



Equal Justice Works is currently hosting a raffle contest! The first 500 students fully registered for the 2016 Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair will be entered to win a chance for one of five \$100 travel stipends. The winners will be selected and notified by October 1st and stipends will be awarded upon submission of receipt documentation of travel expenses including airfare, lodging, ground transportation, etc.

This raffle is only open to students and recent graduates.

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!

Pre Event Opportunities

If you'd like to get helpful advice from a career services professional on your resume, cover letter and other application materials before you begin applying to jobs, join us for our **free webinar**, "Job Search and Application Tips to Land the Interview", on August 24th at 2pm ET. [Register here!](#)

By registering, you'll also be able to listen to the webinar anytime afterwards if you miss the live broadcast.

Equal Justice Works will offer another free webinar, "Interviewing & Networking Tips to Land the Job", to students in the early fall. Check back for details and [sign up here](#) to get email alerts on Equal Justice Works' programming.

Prescheduled Interviews

Students and graduates will be able to use [the online database](#) to register and apply for jobs and internships through September 14.

Students and graduates will have to create an account and register to attend before applying to positions. For help navigating the online application system, check out our [2016 Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair User Guide!](#)

Employers will review resumes and make interviewing decisions between September 15 and October 1. Students and graduates should receive email notifications for each application they submit by October 1 noting whether they were selected for an interview or not. Students and graduates selected for an interview will be able to accept or decline interviews until October 7.

Table Talk

Even if you do not get the interview you were hoping for, there will be several opportunities to speak to employers outside of the formal interview times. Both [Friday and Saturday](#) will feature Table Talk, an open period of time where employers will be available to speak to students on a first-come, first-served basis. We have heard from many of our employers and students that interviews and offers have been secured from meetings during table talk.

You are encouraged to identify the employers you would like to speak to before Table Talk begins. Keep in mind that many employers may have long lines of students waiting to speak to them. Plan ahead and strategize to maximize your time with all employers.

Do not use this time to conduct an extensive interview. You should have a quick, one-minute introduction and “selling point” about yourself. Most employers want to meet as many students as possible during this time, so be courteous to your fellow students and keep your face time as short as possible.

Further Questions

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