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Public Interest Law Job Hunting 101

Searching for a public interest job or internship can be one of the hardest things you do while in law school. Here are some digital tools to help you land your dream job!



Online Job Sites

1. [PSJD.org](https://www.psjd.org) – This free website is the largest database of public interest law jobs, fellowships, internships, and volunteer opportunities online. Register on the website for immediate access to the latest public interest job openings. They’ve also got a resource center full of practice area guides, federal employment information, and more!
2. [NLADA.org/Jobs](https://www.nlada.org/jobs) – The free jobs section of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) site includes positions from civil legal aid organizations, public defender offices, public interest organizations, academia, and government positions.
3. [Idealist.org](https://www.idealists.org) – Idealist is a great place to find both legal jobs and volunteer opportunities. While not exclusively for legal positions, you may be able to find some gems hidden in their giant database!
4. [LawJobs.com](https://www.lawjobs.com) - Law Jobs doesn’t focus on exclusively public interest law, but there are relevant positions posted on this site! They have sections for environmental law, admin law, civil rights, constitutional law, 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.

5. [Careers.Martindale.com](https://www.careers.martindale.com) – It's best to search specifically for what type of job you want using the keywords function on Martindale Careers. They occasionally post legal internships as well.
6. [Careers.FindLaw.com](https://www.careers.findlaw.com) – FindLaw's Career section has both jobs and legal career advice. The website features helpful legal news and articles. Most are focused on corporate law, but they do feature public interest law news sometimes.
7. [Linked In Legal Jobs](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/) – LinkedIn's Legal Jobs section is always best used by searching specifically using the keywords function. Type in the best search terms, and you may be able to find your dream public interest job!
8. [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) – Indeed has an excellent search function that curates both online content and jobs posted straight to Indeed, making this website a great addition to the job hunting list.
9. [Simply Hired](https://www.simplyhired.com) – Simply Hired works similarly to Indeed – just type in the type of public interest law job you're looking for, the city and state, and the site will cull the Internet for you to find jobs that match your keywords.
10. [Volunteer Match](https://www.volunteermatch.org) – If you're just looking for ways to give back without needing an internship or job, Volunteer Match is an excellent resource! Just type in the issue you care about, and the website will connect you with volunteer opportunities in your community.

Once you get started looking for a public interest job, you may also want to review your cover letter and resume. Take them to your career counseling office on-campus and let a counselor look them over – you may be surprised by what you have to edit to get noticed! You can also set up mock interviews on campus to help get prepared.

It's also a great idea to start looking into public interest law career fairs as a way to network and find a public interest law job. Every October, the [Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair](https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/conference) brings together more than 150 public interest employers and over 1,200 law students for the biggest career fair in the country. PSJD.org also keeps a continuously-updated [calendar](https://www.psjd.org/calendar) of public interest career fairs and events.

Funding Summer Opportunities

If you find that you've landed an unpaid summer internship, don't worry! There are organizations that are here to help.

Equal Justice Works' [AmeriCorps JD](https://www.americorps.gov/jd) program provides law students with an educational award in exchange for delivering critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the nation. There are multiple deadlines a year to apply.

You can also search PSJD's Summer Funding Resources [national](#) and [specific geographic areas](#) lists for competitive funding sources.

There may also be school-specific funding resources set up to help public interest law students complete internships in local and national communities. Check with your law schools public interest law or career counseling office for more information!