

Equal Justice Works Law School Membership

Equal Justice Works law school members have access to valuable public interest resources and programs. By joining or renewing, your school will be part of a community of 197 law schools from across the country.



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.

About Equal Justice Works

We believe that the poorest and most vulnerable among us deserve the same access to justice and quality legal representation as more fortunate citizens.

Founded by law students in 1986, Equal Justice Works is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice. To achieve this, we offer a continuum of opportunities for our law school members that provide the training and skills that enable their students and graduates to provide effective representation to underserved communities and causes.

To help foster public interest values in students, we collaborate with our members to expand public interest programming on their campus. We also host the largest public interest law career fair in the country, bringing more than 160 public interest employer and over 1,000 law students from across the country together in one place for job opportunities, networking and leadership training.

Equal Justice Works also has the largest Fellowships program in the country, funding hundreds of public interest attorneys each year to close the justice gap on issues such as foreclosure, community economic development, immigration, civil rights, homelessness, access to healthcare,

and domestic violence. These Fellows have a lasting impact well beyond their fellowship. More than 80% of fellows continue doing public interest work after their fellowship ends.

In the face of staggering educational debt loads, Equal Justice Works has taken a leadership role in successfully advocating for loan repayment assistance programs (LRAPs) and Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF). Through outreach and counseling for law school members, as well as an online resource center, we educate thousands of law students and law school advisors about these programs that enable lawyers to take public interest jobs without regard to their educational debt.

Membership Benefits

Equal Justice Works member law schools and their students receive access to our:

Post-graduate Fellowships

Equal Justice Works has the largest number of [post-graduate fellowship opportunities](#) for law graduates in the country. Our post-graduate fellowships in 2015 provided more than 200 graduates from member law schools with opportunities to work in public interest law.

AmeriCorps JD

The [AmeriCorps JD](#) program currently provides more than 750 law students the opportunity to earn an education award while gaining hands-on legal experience. Participating students deliver critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the country.

Rural Summer Legal Corps

In partnership with the Legal Services Corporation, the [Rural Summer Legal Corps program](#) connects public interest law students with civil legal aid organizations to address pressing legal issues facing rural communities. Equal Justice Works recruits 31 law students from member law schools to fill these positions every summer.

Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair

Law students and recent graduates who attend our [Conference and Career Fair](#) can interview for jobs and summer internships with more than 160 nonprofit employers while also taking advantage of topical workshops designed to help them expand their public interest opportunities. All schools are allowed an unlimited number of students to attend with a small registration fee to students. Law school professionals may attend free of charge.

JDs for Justice Network

Law students at member law schools receive the opportunity to apply for the [Equal Justice Works Student Representative Program](#) and the [Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards](#); full access to an [online public interest law resource library](#); the JDs for Justice Network newsletter; exclusive networking events and opportunities; and student organizing consultations.

Monthly Webinars

Equal Justice Works hosts [informational webinars](#) every month on topics ranging from Public Service Loan Forgiveness and other forms of debt relief to career strategies and the latest in social media networking for law students, graduates and law school professionals.

Equal Justice Works law school members also receive:

- Eligibility to nominate faculty, students, and staff for [Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee](#) membership.
- Regular updates on public interest law news and Equal Justice Works programs.
- Recognition of your law school on the Equal Justice Works website with a link back to your schools' website.

Equal Justice Works staff are also available for **on-campus visits** to speak with students and staff about any of our programs and services at no fee; however, schools may be asked to cover associated travel-related costs.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

A list of **current member schools** can be found [here](#).

If you work at a law school and are interested in registering your school for membership or have questions about your school's current membership, please contact membership@equaljusticeworks.org. Equal Justice Works member law schools renew their membership annually.

Current law students can [sign up here](#) or contact students@equaljusticeworks.org to learn how they can become more involved with Equal Justice Works.