

Public Interest Job Search Timeline

Note: This is not a comprehensive timeline, but is meant to lay out some guideposts about the timing of public interest job applications. It does not discuss different bar admission or application requirements.

1L Year:

September	Consider joining PILF
October	Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair (Washington, DC) - 1Ls cannot bid for interviews, but great for information gathering/networking opportunity with federal, state and local organizations
October	Government Career Fair at IU Memorial Union – chance to gather information and network with federal, state and local government recruiters
Fall Break	Job Shadow w/ law alums in legal/geographic areas of interest
November	OCPD 1L Introduction Series; schedule OCPD appointment
Winter Break	Job Shadow w/ law alums in legal/geographic areas of interest
January	Limited interviewing for 1L public interest positions begins
January	OCPD B547 Workshop - information for finding and funding unpaid public interest internship for course credit (mandatory attendance for interested students, even if no specific position lined up); review OCPD Online Resources
February	Interviewing begins for 1L public interest internships in federal, state and local government, courts, prosecutors/public defenders and Legal Aid offices; review Symplicity
March/Spring Break	DC On-Location Recruiting; OCPD trips to DC, NY and other selected locations
April/May	Finalize plans for B547 public interest internships for summer

2L Year:

Summer	Bidding begins for On Campus Interviewing (OCI), National Law School Consortium (NLSC), and On-Location Recruiting (OLR), which include public interest opportunities; Partnership for Public Service career fair in DC
August	OCI and NLSC begin; review Government Honors Handbook (see OCPD for access); start applying for public interest positions for following summer
September	OLR events held in Chicago and Louisville
October	Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair (DC) - OCPD will provide travel voucher and cover registration costs
October	Government Career Fair at IU Memorial Union
Fall Break	Job Shadow and Network
November/December	Register for Midwestern Public Interest Law Career Conference (Northwestern School of Law/Chicago)
Winter Break	Job Shadow and Network

January	OCPD B547 Workshop (mandatory attendance for interested students, even if no specific position lined up); review OCPD Online Resources
Spring Semester	OCPD Federal Judicial Clerkships Workshop for applications in summer of 2L year; some state judges begin interviewing for post-grad work at this time.
Early February	Midwestern Public Interest Law Career Conference
February	Interviewing begins for 2L public interest internships in federal, state and local government, courts, prosecutors/public defenders and Legal Aid offices; review Symplicity
March, Spring Break	DC On-Location Recruiting; OCPD trips to DC, NY and other selected locations
April/May	Finalize plans for summer internships

3L Year:

Summer	Prepare to apply for federal and state judicial clerkships; consult OCPD re application process
Summer	Bidding begins for On Campus Interviewing (OCI), National Law School Consortium (NLSC), and On-Location Recruiting (OLR), which include public interest opportunities; Partnership for Public Service career fair in DC
August	OCI and NLSC begin; review Government Honors Handbook (see OCPD for access); start applying for public interest positions for post-grad opportunities, including fellowships
Early September	Federal Judicial Clerkship applications due after Labor Day; Honor Applications due for Federal Agencies, including DOJ and EPA
	Midwest OLR's in Chicago and Louisville
Mid- October	Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Applications Due
October	Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair (DC) - OCPD will provide travel voucher and cover registration costs
Fall/Winter Break	Network; visit geographic area of interest
November/December	Register for Midwestern Public Interest Law Career Conference (Northwestern School of Law/Chicago)
Early February	Midwestern Public Interest Law Career Conference
March, Spring Break	DC On-Location Recruiting; OCPD trips to DC, NY and other selected locations
April/May	Finalize summer/post-graduate plans