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Career Development Office

About Us: Our office is here to counsel students when defining their career path, educate students on diverse legal career options, collaborate with student groups to present relevant programming, provide helpful resources, and connect with legal employers and alumni.

Our Staff: [Check out our website](#) to see a full list of team members and learn about our roles. You can also stop by our offices, located at 128 Hughes Hall, to say hello in person.

Meet with Us: You can reach us at 607-255-5873, or cls-careers@cornell.edu Monday – Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30PM and Friday 8:00AM – 4:00PM. We are available for in-person, phone and Zoom appointments through the [Bookings Page](#).

ALL JDs & LLMS:

Law & Public Defense 2026 Opportunity: Cornell University's Office of Academic Diversity Initiatives, Cornell Law School Career Development Office, Cornell Career Services, the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, and the Tompkins County Office of Assigned Counsel are partnering on a summer academy offering training and paid public service internships for Cornell undergraduates and law students. The ten-week program includes two weeks of training followed by internships with trial lawyers representing indigent individuals in upstate New York. Students will gain hands-on experience in case investigation, legal research, motion practice, and courtroom proceedings, with a focus on criminal defense and family-related matters.

Apply by February 18, 2026: Email a resume and cover letter with a statement of interest to Adrienne M. Larimer at al992@cornell.edu. Subject line: *Application Materials for – Your Name – Cornell Defender Program*. Funding: Eligible for Summer Public Interest Fellowship (PIF) funding. Law firm-sponsored public interest stipends should be noted in application materials.

EXCELSIOR FELLOWSHIP: The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship Program is a paid two-year fellowship offering talented graduate, law, and advanced degree program graduates unmatched training and experience in New York State government. Excelsior Fellows work full time at host executive-branch agencies and authorities, advancing the operational and legal aspects of important policy initiatives. Fellows will also participate in a Professional Development program focusing on leadership development and the fundamentals of New York State government.

After completing the Excelsior Service Fellowship, exceptional fellows may continue to serve New York State. More than 50% of prior classes of Excelsior Fellows were offered permanent positions with the State post-fellowship. Applications will be due on **February 28, 2026 with interviews scheduled on the Cornell campus on March 24 and March 25, 2026**

How to Apply: Interested applicants should submit the following materials in one PDF document to the Career Development Office, akua.akyea@cornell.edu by **COB on February 28, 2026**: resume, transcript, 2 references (at least one of which should be academic in nature), and a personal statement/cover letter. The personal statement should outline your interest in the Excelsior Service Fellowship and your commitment to public service (no more than 750 words).

On Thursday, January 29, we hosted a fantastic virtual panel, ***What a Clerkship Really Teaches You: Perspectives from Practitioners***, featuring four Cornell alums with diverse clerking experiences. This webinar is a must watch for valuable insights into the application process, clerking in diverse courts, and benefits from clerking in practice. If you couldn't make it, you can watch [here](#).

LLMs:

[Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer \(Dubai Office\) Dispute Resolution Legal Internship](#) We welcome applications from outstanding lawyers, postgraduate students in law, as well as recent graduates. An internship in our dispute resolution team will provide access to experienced lawyers and expose you to a wide-range of cross-border work, including some of the most complex, challenging and interesting projects and risk management issues/disputes in the market. | **Applications due February 28th** | Dubai, UAE | JDs, LLMs

1Ls:

1L & 2L Summer Reporting:

- If you have secured a *1L summer job*, [please fill out this survey](#) at your earliest convenience. Please only fill out the survey once.
- If you have secured a *2L summer job*, [please fill out this survey](#) to let us know the details about your position and the interview process with that employer.

Tracking this data is essential to helping other members of the class that are still seeking and the incoming class of 2029.

2L Virtual OCI - February 16th & 17th: We are looking forward to the Virtual OCI program next week on Monday and Tuesday. If you are participating, please look out for our emails in the coming days with instructions on how to upload your resume to the Flo Recruit platform and receiving your Flo Recruit Links.

Judicial Internship Opportunities: If you are a 1L and have not yet secured a position for the summer, please contact [Greta Jacobs](#), several federal judges have approached her seeking CLS summer interns.

Paul Hastings is still seeking students who are looking for 2L summer positions and are interested in transactional/real estate. If you're interested, please email your resume to Laura Chavez | Administrator, Talent Acquisition & Development RecruitLA@paulhastings.com

[Google US Legal Summer Institute \(LSI\) 2027 Applications Open:](#) Applications are now open for the 2027 US Legal Summer Institute (LSI), a highly selective program for 2L law students. LSI offers a one-week immersive experience on Google's campus, followed by a full summer associateship with a partner

law firm. Students from all legal interest areas, backgrounds, and ABA-accredited law schools—full-time and part-time—are encouraged to apply. Applications are due March 30, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. ET and require a resume, transcript(s), and two short essays. [RSVP](#) for two informational webinars will be held on February 13 and March 20 at 1:00 PM PT / 4:00 PM ET.

[Pillsbury 2027 2L Summer Associate Targeted Recruitment](#): The recruiter from Pillsbury, NY is looking for Cornell Law Applicants to send application materials directly via email at your earliest convenience | Send application materials directly to Morgan Murphy Morgan.Murphy@Pillsburylaw.com and title the email [First Name Last Name Cornell Law Application 2027 2L SA].

[Stoel Rives Targeted Recruitment](#): Stoel Rives is a leading U.S. corporate and litigation law firm providing sophisticated business clients high quality legal services. With offices in seven states and Washington, D.C., Stoel Rives is a nationally recognized leader in project finance and the energy and natural resources industries. Use this [link](#) to see all open positions. The recruitment team is interested in Cornell Law Students applying directly by emailing materials to Charlotte Kortenhof charlotte.kortenhof@stoel.com.

2Ls & 3Ls

On Tuesday, January 20, at 8:00 a.m. EST, all 2Ls received **read-only access to OSCAR**, the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review. OSCAR is a tool which federal judges may use, if they wish, to publicize and/or accept clerkship applications.

[MoloLamken's Advocacy Academy](#): MoloLamken's Advocacy Academy is a one-week, intensive trial and appellate advocacy boot camp in New York City being held 8/2-8/7 2026. The firm covers travel and hosts the full program, with small-group trainings led by firm attorneys. Name partners Steve Molo and Jeff Lamken personally participate. Only 12 students nationwide are selected each year, typically including one Cornell student. The Academy is designed to complement a summer internship and takes place at the end of the summer. Participants receive a \$4,500 stipend. Students pursuing public interest or public defense are encouraged to apply—Big Law is not required. Last year's Cornell participant, [Avery M. Newcom](#) was committed to public defense and is available to answer questions.

Upcoming Events

- **[NY Bar: Effective Communication Across Generations: Reducing Stress and Strengthening the Management of Legal Work](#)** | Thurs, Feb. 12 | 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. | Webinar | NY CLE Credit: 2.0 Law Practice Management
- **[NY Bar: Legal Writing Primer for New Lawyers](#)** | Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Webinar
- **[NJ Courts: The Clerkship Connection: Building Relationships that Drives Success](#)** | Covers the role of the law clerk in the court system, including Law Clerk responsibilities in different divisions; Skills judges seek when hiring a law clerk; Application and interview processes | Wednesday, Feb 18, 12:30- 1:30 PM | Webinar

View more opportunities in [Symblicity](#), [PSJD.org](#), and the [Arizona Guide](#).
Contact our office for the Arizona Guide password.

Opportunities:

- **[Summer 2026 Internship](#)** | Office of General Counsel House of Representatives | DC | 1Ls & 2Ls
- **[2026 1L Summer Associate Position](#)** | Hunton Andrews Kurth | New York | 1Ls
- **[2027 2L Cleveland Summer Associate](#)** | Ice Miller | Cleveland, OH | 1Ls

- [2026 1L Scholars Program](#) | Lowenstein Sandler | New York, Palo Alto, New Jersey, Utah, or Washington, D.C. | 1Ls
- [2027 2L Summer Associate Position](#) | Meltzer Lippe | Minneola NY | 1Ls
- [Assistant County Attorney](#) | Cayuga County, NY | 3Ls

View more detailed information and events in [Simplicity](#)



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