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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](mailto: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:

**CUeLINKS** invites Cornell Law students to join the **Cornell Lawyers & Friends Community** and tap into a powerful alumni network. It's like LinkedIn, but just for Cornellians! [Create a profile](#), join the group, and build your professional network today!

**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. **Applications due TODAY, February 18, 2026:** Email a resume and cover letter with a statement of interest to Adrienne M. Larimer at [al992@cornell.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).

**Marks, O'Neill, O'Brien, & Courtney, P.C.**, a regional defense litigation firm, is seeking seasonal clerks in Philadelphia. Please send resumes and cover letters to [Fanny Zheng](#).

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>** | Dubai, UAE | JDs, LLMs

## **[Business Immigration Associate \(1st Year\) – Fragomen \(Dallas, TX\)](#)**

Fragomen is seeking a first-year Business Immigration Associate (0–2 years) to join its Dallas office. The role focuses exclusively on employment-based immigration, including assessing eligibility for nonimmigrant and immigrant visa status, preparing and filing petitions with government agencies, conducting legal research, drafting documents, and supporting corporate clients with immigration program management and compliance. Associates collaborate closely with global mobility teams, supervise paralegals, and contribute to a team-oriented, fast-paced practice. Dallas, TX | JD, LLMs

## **[Associate \(1st–4th Year, US Qualified\) | Private Client & Tax \(London\) | Withers Worldwide](#)**

Withers Worldwide is seeking a US-qualified associate (1–4 years) to join its London-based US Private Client and Tax team. The role involves advising international high-net-worth individuals, families, and family offices on US and cross-border tax, trust, and estate planning matters. Work includes international estate and succession planning, expatriation and pre-immigration planning, cross-border philanthropy, and US investment structuring for US and non-US clients. Candidates must be admitted to practice in the US, with strong experience researching the Internal Revenue Code, drafting wills and trusts, and preparing technical memoranda. An LLM in Tax or relevant concentration is preferred.

## 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.

**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.

**Bonner Kiernan Trebach & Crociata LLP** is seeking 1-2 law clerks for their Manhattan office through March 6. For more information, email [Carmen Hernandez](#)

**[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 an informational webinar will be held on February 13 and March 20 at 1:00 PM PT / 4:00 PM ET.

## 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.

**Student Loan Advising with Dr. Jeffrey E. Hanson | Cornell Law Financial Aid | [Appointments](#)** available **March 9–11, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. EST** | 3Ls are invited to schedule a 45-minute virtual advising session with Dr. Jeffrey E. Hanson, a nationally recognized expert in student loan repayment and economist specializing in law school debt. These personalized Zoom sessions help students create a practical financial roadmap: whether managing current expenses or planning for graduation. Topics include selecting the right repayment plan, navigating recent federal changes, evaluating PSLF eligibility, weighing refinancing versus consolidation, and managing shifts in financial circumstances. Space is limited, and participants will receive a personalized Loan Repayment Planning Worksheet.

**[Learn More About the NYC Apartment Hunting Process:](#)** Cooper & Cooper Is BACK (Virtually) At Cornell Law! Renting In New York – A Practical Guide” Zoom Workshop + Q&A | Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 @ 12:15pm EST | RSVP: <https://www.coopercooper.com/cornell>

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## Upcoming Events

- [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 | **TODAY, Wednesday, Feb 18, 12:30- 1:30 PM** | Webinar
- [NY Bar Presents: Careers in New York City Government](#) | Mar 11, 2026, 12:30-2PM | This panel offers insights into rewarding legal careers within New York City Government and practical tips for navigating the application process. Speakers from a variety of City agencies and offices will share their career experiences and advice on finding and pursuing opportunities in City government. | Webinar

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

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## Opportunities:

- [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
- **Seasonal Law Clerk** | Marks, O'Neill, O'Brien & Courtney, P.C. | Philadelphia, PA | Resumes & cover letters to [Fanny Zheng](#) | 1Ls
- [Associate Attorney - General Liability - Insurance Defense](#) | [Chartwell Law Offices](#) | North, NJ | 3Ls

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



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