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ALL:

Distinguished Jurist Lecture Series: Hear from the Honorable J. Michelle Childs of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Join us for her speech, followed by a Q&A. A bagged lunch will be provided for those who [RSVP](#). | Thursday, March 19th | 12:10 PM | MTH 390

CUeLINKS: Cornell Law Students are invited to join the Cornell Lawyers & Friends Community and tap into a powerful alumni network. It's like LinkedIn, but only for Cornellians! [Create a profile](#), join the group, and begin building your professional network today.

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.

Summer Stipends:

If you will receive funding from a law firm for work performed during Summer 2026—whether the funding is provided this summer or at a later date—we strongly recommend that you disclose that third-party payment to your summer employer. Transparency is essential to avoid conflicts of interest, ensure compliance with employer policies, and maintain professional integrity. If you are uncertain whether a particular stipend, fellowship, or sponsorship qualifies as third-party funding, you should seek clarification before the summer begins or as soon as you become aware of the funding. Prompt disclosure allows employers to address any administrative or ethical considerations in a timely manner.

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The first step to receiving CPT is to complete an online application through the Office of Global Learning, <https://international.globallearning.cornell.edu/employment-and-taxes/f-1-cpt>. This guidance is quite detailed and provides step-by-step instructions and FAQs. The applicant should put “Law School Representative” on the CPT request so the Law School can ensure that the student is registered appropriately.

King & Spalding | [International Disputes practice](#) | [Apply for 2L Summer Associate](#) | NYC | Assist attorneys as they represent clients in commercial and investment arbitration, as well as in global courts around the world in international litigation, such as motions to compel arbitration, anti-suit injunctions, and enforcement actions. Written and oral fluency in Arabic, Portuguese, and/or Spanish is preferred. In addition to relevant experience and/or demonstrated interest, student applicants must have superior academic credentials and excellent writing, research, analytical, and communication skills.

2Ls:

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3Ls:

Required Post-Graduate Employment Survey: Career Services has opened the **required post-graduate employment survey** and ask that you fill it out with as much information as you are able as soon as you can. Please fill out the survey if you are employed or if you are still seeking. To find your Graduate Employment Survey, log on to Symplicity [here](#). Please be sure to provide a non-Cornell email address in case Career Services require further details from you after you graduate.

Cornell Law School's accreditation body, the American Bar Association, **requires** that we report the employment status of all our graduating students. Please know that all data is reported in the aggregate, and no identifying information will be provided. If you have not yet accepted an offer of post-graduate

employment, need assistance or have any questions, please email the Career Development Office at cls-careers@cornell.edu.

JD Bar Exam Memo: The Registrar's office created this memo to assist you with registering for the July New York Bar Exam. This memo outlines each step of the application process and includes key dates and relevant links, including resources for applying in other jurisdictions. Please note that the Registrar's Office provides this guidance as a courtesy; all specific questions regarding bar applications should be directed to the appropriate state Board of Bar Examiners. As you complete your registration, kindly take a moment to fill out this [bar survey](#), if you have not already done so. Your input will assist us in maintaining accurate records for your Bar Certification and complying with ABA bar exam data requirements for Cornell Law School's accreditation.

LLMs:

[Estate Planning Associate](#) | Varnum | Grand Rapids, MI | Candidates must be admitted to the Michigan Bar or eligible for prompt admission. An LLM in Taxation or Estate Planning is a plus, but not required. | JDs, LLMs

[Associate Counsel, Business & Legal Affairs, Peacock and Global Streaming](#) | NBCUniversal | New York City | Support technology licensing and digital media matters for Peacock and Global Streaming | NY bar required | Hybrid schedule | LLMs preferred.

Upcoming Events

- [Careers in NYC Government](#) | TODAY March 11th | 12:30-2PM | Webinar
- [Spring Guardianship of Minor Certification Training](#) | TODAY March 11th | 1PM | Zoom
- [1L Office Hours: From Law School to the Office](#) | Fri. March 13th | 3PM | Virtual
- [Labor & Employment Law 101: Insights for Law Students](#) | Wed. March 18th | 4PM | Webinar
- [2026 Labor Advocacy Career Fair](#) | The ILR School | Wed. March 18th | 12-4 PM | Biotech G10
- [Distinguished Jurist Lecture Series](#) | Thurs. March 19th | 12:10PM | MTH 390 | [RSVP](#)

Additional resources and opportunities in [Symblicity](#), [PSJD.org](#), and the [Arizona Guide](#).

Contact our office for the Arizona Guide password.

Selected Opportunities:

- [Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions Associate](#) | Dorsey & Whitney LLP | Minneapolis, MN | JD/LLM
- [International Disputes practice](#) | King & Spalding | [Apply for Summer Associate](#) | NYC | 1Ls
- [In-House Legal Internship](#) | Newsweek Publishing | NYC
- [Public Interest Law Fellow](#) | Kohn, Kohn, Colapinto | DC | 3Ls

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Appointments: [Career Development Office Bookings Page](#)