

# CAREER NEWS

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## Career Development Office

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> | 12:10 PM | MTH 390

**State Court Clerkship Opportunities:** Many state courts are contacting the clerkships office seeking candidates. Clerking in a state court is a great opportunity to gain practical experience. Also, if you are not a U.S. citizen, state courts provide a great opportunity! N.Y., Texas, and Vermont are just a few of the states that have upcoming opportunities.

In February, New Jersey held an informative webinar about clerkships with three state judges. This webinar is worth watching even if New Jersey is not a state where you would like to clerk. [Link: https://vimeo.com/1167820101/a769a8386b?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci](https://vimeo.com/1167820101/a769a8386b?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci)

On March 18, New Jersey will hold another webinar, featuring three law clerks. *Sign up here:* [https://njcourts.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_IVSfjDvESOqqmM-qBB8hg#/registration](https://njcourts.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_IVSfjDvESOqqmM-qBB8hg#/registration).

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**Stanford University Venture Fellowship:** Provides a fully funded trip on-campus for one-week (dates TBA, sometime in May), where selected applicants get to be fully immersed in Silicon Valley's start-up culture, go to Stanford University, and gain a powerful network with top VC, tech, and Fortune 500 sponsors. Applications are not yet open, but interested students can learn more and get early bird notifications [here](#).

**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:

**[Meltzer Lippe 2L Summer Associate Opportunity](#):** Meltzer Lippe is looking for additional Cornell Law

School 1L Candidates for their 2L Summer Associate position. With offices in Long Island, New York City, Boca Raton and Miami, Meltzer Lippe is a full-service business law firm comprised of over 80 attorneys educated at the nation's best law schools with experience in sophisticated transactions and legal matters acquired in practice at many of New York City's most prestigious law firms. The Summer Associate will alternate working in the Long Island and NYC Offices. If you're still seeking, this is a great opportunity!

### **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.

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### **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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### **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](mailto: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.

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[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.

[Tax LLM Associate 2026](#) | PwC | New York City | Tax compliance and consulting projects, providing valuable insights and support to clients in navigating complex tax regulations | LLMs

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## Upcoming Events

- [Labor & Employment Law 101: Insights for Law Students](#) | TODAY March 18<sup>TH</sup> | 4PM | Webinar
- [2026 Labor Advocacy Career Fair](#) | The ILR School | TODAY March 18<sup>th</sup> | 12-4 PM | Biotech G10
- [Distinguished Jurist Lecture Series](#) | Thurs. March 19<sup>th</sup> | 12:10PM | MTH 390 | [RSVP](#)
- [Cornell Business Impact Symposium](#) | Fri. April 10<sup>th</sup> - Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> | Statler Hall | [Register](#)
- [New York County Supreme Court & Civil Court Law School Outreach](#) | April 16, 2026 | 5:00–7:30 PM | 111 Centre Street, New York, NY

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

*Contact our office for the Arizona Guide password.*

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## Selected Opportunities:

- [Immigration Law Fellowship \(2026–2029\)](#) | Vermont Law and Graduate School | 3Ls
- [Public Interest Law Fellow](#) | Kohn, Kohn, Colapinto | DC | 3Ls

- [2027 Summer Associate Program](#) | Drummond Woodsum | Portland, Maine | 1Ls
- [Legal Intern](#) | Tenemos | NYC | 1L & 2Ls
- [Summer Associate Position](#) | Meltzer Lippe | 1Ls

View more detailed information and events in [Symplicity](#), [PSJD.org](#), and the [Arizona Guide](#).



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