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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:

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) | International students who work off campus during the summer need to get a work permit. This is true whether the position is paid or volunteer. In order to preserve their 12-month Optional Practical Training (OPT) status to use after graduation, students use Curricular Practical Training (CPT) for temporary summer work. To qualify for CPT, the work must be directly related to major area of student and have a curricular requirement.

Given the importance of internships for employability, the Law School has determined that summer employment is an intrinsic and required part of the Law School program. Students are registered for LAW 6730 – Multicultural Environments to fulfill the curricular component of the status. The course is a non-credit bearing course, for which students submit short journal entries over the summer discussing their experiences and projects. Please note that **Canadian students need CPT** although post-grad OPT requirements do not apply to them.

The first step to receiving CPT is to complete an [online application](#) through the Office of Global Learning. 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 | 1Ls, 2Ls

Distinguished Jurist Lecture Series featuring 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 | JDs, LLMS

[Spring & Summer Internship Opportunity](#) | Society for the Rule of Law | Nationwide nonprofit organization of pro-democracy attorneys, law students, and others who are working to protect America’s legal institutions.

This is a part-time spring/summer internship, with the opportunity for remote work, or in-person at our DC office. We can offer this as a paid opportunity or for college credit. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until a candidate is found. Interested candidates should [send](#) their resume and cover letter.

King & Spalding | [International Disputes practice](#) | [Apply for Summer Associate](#) | New York | 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. | JDs, LLMs

[Hiscock Legal Aid \(HLA\)](#) seeks experienced attorneys, recently admitted lawyers, and recent or upcoming law graduates to join our newly created Misdemeanor Defense Program. Will provide comprehensive representation from arraignment through final disposition to individuals charged with misdemeanors and violations in Syracuse City Court, including traffic court and problem-solving courts. | JDs, LLMs

LLMs:

[Summer Extern, State Government Affairs](#) | SIFMA | NYC, Washington, DC | SIFMA is seeking a Summer Extern to support its State Government Affairs team. This for-credit position offers hands-on exposure to state and local legislative and regulatory issues impacting the securities industry and its investors. Responsibilities include monitoring and analyzing legislative proposals, drafting memoranda and legal summaries, supporting policy education efforts, and assisting with position papers and testimony. For 2L, 3L, LL.M., or S.J.D. students with an interest in regulatory, administrative, or securities law and the legislative process.

[Legal Counsel](#) | Marex | is seeking a Legal Counsel (1–5 years' experience) to support its in-house legal team. The role focuses on reviewing and negotiating vendor contracts, assisting with litigation and regulatory matters, coordinating discovery and subpoena responses, and supporting the adoption of legal technologies, including AI-driven tools. The position also involves advising internal stakeholders on risk, compliance, and contract lifecycle management. Prior corporate or law firm experience and familiarity with contract review are preferred. | JDs, LLMs

[LLM Guardrail Strategy & Governance \(Manager/ Associate Director\)](#) | BI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. | Ridgefield, CT | seeking a Manager or Associate Director to lead AI/LLM guardrail strategy and governance, ensuring safe, compliant, and high-quality outputs from generative AI systems across Medical, Commercial, and Omnichannel functions. The role involves designing and refining guardrails, monitoring validation outputs, developing QA protocols and performance metrics, and partnering with Legal, Compliance, IT, and Medical teams to align AI use with regulatory and business standards. Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred) and have 4+ years (Manager) or 6+ years (AD) in pharma, biotech, or healthcare, with an LLM or MBA, experience in AI/ML governance or digital transformation preferred. Hybrid schedule (2–3 days on-site). | 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.

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.

[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 that will be held on March 20 at 1:00 PM PT / 4:00 PM ET.

[2026 Lewis M. Rose 1L Scholarship](#) | Kelley Drye | Kelley Drye is accepting applications for the 2026 Lewis M. Rose 1L Scholarship, created in honor of former Managing Partner Lew Rose and the firm’s commitment to fostering an inclusive legal profession. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding first-year law student and includes a paid 2026 summer associate position in New York, New Jersey, Houston, or Washington, DC. Recipients also receive a \$25,000 award paid in three installments: \$7,500 after completing the 2026 summer program, \$7,500 after completing a 2027 summer associate position, and \$10,000 upon joining the firm as a full-time associate. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

2Ls & 3Ls

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Life After Big Law: Ed Estrada** | Join us for lunch and learn about Ed's path from practicing law to founding his own legal consulting business and teaching at Cornell Tech. Ed is an expert on the business of law firms, so this is a fantastic event for anyone interested in reaching partner level, opening their own firm, or teaching. | March 5th, 2026, 12:15–1:15 PM | Myron Taylor Hall 186

- [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 | [RSVP](#) here | **Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 @ 12:15pm EST | 2Ls & 3Ls**
- [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
- [Spring 2026 Guardianship of Minor Certification Training for Experienced Probate Court Practitioners](#) | The Children and Family Law (CAFL) division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) is offering a certification training for attorneys who wish to represent children, parents, and guardians in guardianship of minor proceedings in the Probate and Family Court. | Zoom information session | March 11, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- [Labor & Employment Law 101: Practical Insights for Law Students](#) | Join Littler for a virtual panel and discussion exploring one of the most impactful and rewarding practice areas. Get practical insights, real-world examples, and candid tips from attorneys who navigate these issues every day | Wednesday, March 18TH | 4:00pm – 5:00pm ET | Webinar
- [2026 Labor Advocacy Career Fair](#) | The ILR School | Meet with labor unions, law firms, and organizations dedicated to worker rights to learn about summer internship and full-time opportunities. | March 18th, 2026, 12-4 PM | Biotech G10
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- [The Bar Association of San Francisco Bay Area Law Student Career Fair](#) | Friday, April 3 | Virtual | [Register by March 8th](#)

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

Opportunities:

- **CUeLINKS** invites Cornell Law students 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.
- **Seasonal Law Clerk** | Marks, O’Neill, O’Brien & Courtney, P.C. | Philadelphia, PA | Resumes & cover letters to [Fanny Zheng](#) | 1Ls
- [First Year Summer Associate](#) | Vinson & Elkins LLP | Denver | 1Ls
- [Paid Post-Bar Law Clerks](#) | Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office | 3Ls
- [Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions Associate](#) | Dorsey & Whitney LLP | Minneapolis, MN | Mandarin Chinese required | JDs, LLMS

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



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