



Cornell Law School

Career Development Office



Career News

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Lunch Talk - Lief Cabraser & Gupta Wessler: Skeptical of spending your career defending large corporations? Plaintiffs' law firms are a great option for people who hope to finance a public interest career, love litigation, and want a path other than big law. Plaintiffs' firms have a tangible impact on the lives of communities and individuals. Plaintiffs' firms offer a unique opportunity to pursue justice, all while enjoying the financial rewards and intellectual challenge of high-level legal practice. Join us at Cornell Plaintiff Law Association's first meeting on **Friday, September 18th, at 12:15 pm** in **MTH 186** to learn more about working as a plaintiff lawyer from attorneys at [Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein](#) and [Gupta Wessler](#). **Lunch will be provided**, so please **RSVP [here](#)** and submit any questions you have for the attorneys!

Volunteer with the Tenants Advocacy Program (TAP): Cornell Law students, including 1Ls and LLMS, can gain hands-on experience providing free legal assistance to local tenants under attorney supervision. Remote, flexible, 4–6 hrs/week. Hours count toward the New York bar's 50-hour pro bono requirement. *For more details and how to apply, [click here](#).* Info session TOMORROW, Thursday, 9/17 at 5:30pm in MTH279.

1L's

Paul Hastings Business of Law Presentation: Hear from Frank Lopez, Chair of the Firm, and Corporate Partner, Jayme Goldstein, to learn more about the Business of Law. Friday, September 25th | 12:10 p.m. | MTH 184 | [RSVP](#)

Holland & Knight's 1L Florida Mentoring Program: Current full-time 1L J.D. students expected to graduate in May 2029 are invited to apply for Holland & Knight's 1L Florida Mentoring Program. See program details [here](#). The program is intended to provide mentorship, professional guidance, and insight into Florida's legal market, and participation is not linked to employment with Holland & Knight.

White & Case 1L Workshops: This coming January, White & Case will host two workshops to give 1L students an opportunity to learn more about White & Case, connect with our lawyers and recruiting team, and gain insight into our practices and professional development opportunities. The **1L Intellectual**

Property Litigation Workshop will take place on January 4–5 in the Silicon Valley office and focus on specifically IP and Technology related practices. The **1L Discover Workshop** will take place January 7–8 in the New York office and provides an inside look at the Firm and an opportunity to explore various practices. The workshop applications open on **September 15** and close on **November 1**.

Student Handbook: Head to the Student Handbook for a comprehensive guide to career matters, including the OL Resources to get you started on revising your resume, cover letter, and creating an application tracker.

Summer Associate Hub: See below for resources shared at Orientation and other upcoming Summer Associate Hub Offerings that may be useful.

- [Orientation PowerPoint & Resources](#)
- [First Look Program | October 12th](#)
- [2026-2027 Live Virtual Series](#)
- [National Interview Program | January 19th](#)
- [IP Virtual Interview Program | January 2027](#)

2Ls & 3Ls:

Spring 2027 Externships Info Session: On Wednesday, September 30 at 12:15 pm, Professor Bauman, the externship director, will meet with interested students, with a focus on Spring 2027 externships. She will cover qualifying placements, part-time and full-time options, the seminar, and the application process and deadlines. She will also talk about the Pro Bono Scholars 2028 program. The program will be a hybrid format. In-person, Room 279. The Zoom link is <https://cornell.zoom.us/j/99319490964?pwd=UQRnbbRCoBDLcdA1INnP2RLb8EZvzP.1> The program will be recorded.

Brooklyn Defenders: The Brooklyn Defenders is recruiting 3Ls for their Entry Level Attorney position in Queens-Forest Hills. See the opportunity here. If interested, email your resume and cover letter to: queensrecruitment@bds.org for direct consideration. Also, you may apply directly through [this link](#).

The Honorable Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. Scholarship Program: This opportunity is for a current second-year student at Cornell University Law School to participate in the Honorable Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. Scholarship Program. The program recognizes exemplary second-year law students who have expressed an interest in federal practice. Each of the selected students will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Applications are due by October 15, 2026. Learn more [here](#) and download the application [here](#).

Full-time Spring Externship Opportunity: The Honorable Mitchell J. Katz, Northern District of New York (Syracuse) is recruiting for a full-time (12 unit) spring externship. Second and third-year students are welcome to apply. Through this immersive experience, students will have a wide range of research and writing assignments, gain feedback from the judge and his clerks, and observe the daily business of an active courtroom. A former Cornell law extern will be clerking for the judge this coming year. Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and transcript to Chaim Jaffe, Law Clerk, at Chaim_Jaffe@nynd.uscourts.gov Deadline for submissions is September 21. Students must also satisfy the externship application requirements set by Professor Bauman.

Equal Justice Fellowship: Applications are currently open and are due by TOMORROW, **September 17th**. Be sure to use their [applicant guide](#) to help you put together your application and materials. Please email al992@cornell.edu if you would like assistance with your application materials or would like them reviewed prior to submission.

LLMs:

Finalizing Your Interview Materials: Please attend our *Finalizing Your Interview Materials* presentation on September 23. Location to be announced. We will discuss resume and cover letter preparation as well as the other types of interview materials you may be asked to provide.

Mock Interview Program: The LL.M. Mock Interview program is underway. We have 2 spots available if you have not yet signed up. Please email erb268@cornell.edu if you are interested. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fall Break Networking Opportunities: Over fall break, there are two excellent networking opportunities we encourage you to attend. On October 15, the New York City Bar Association will be hosting a Program and Reception for International LL.M. Candidates. Registration is free but please register in advance here: <https://services.nycbar.org/EventDetail?EventKey=NLI101526>. On October 16, you are invited to the Cornell Law School LL.M. Alumni & Student Mixer. Please register here: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/alumni/Events/RSVP.cfm?EventID=643>

Resources: We encourage you to explore [LinkedIn](#), [CUELINKS](#), [CILAN](#), and [Firm Prospects](#). Here are guidelines for updating your [LinkedIn](#). Also consider joining the [New York City Bar Association](#), [New York State Bar Association](#) and the [American Bar Association](#).

LL.M. Career Resources Box: Explore the [LL.M. Career Resources Box](#). This includes guides on how to prepare resumes, cover letters, and other application materials, information on how to update your LinkedIn, and a sample tracker to keep tabs of your progress. You can also access the presentation from 9.15.26 if you missed it and the LL.M. Career Development Checklist. We encourage you to begin preparing your resume and updating your LinkedIn as soon as possible.

Appointments: Individual advising appointments are open. **LL.M. students may make appointments only with Emily Behrmann-Baskin and may do so through the [Bookings Page](#).** Please review the resume guidebook and template resumes available in the [LL.M. Career Resources Box](#) before your appointment and update your resume accordingly. At least 24 hours before your appointment, please email your resume to erb268@cornell.edu.

Upcoming Events

- [Tenants Advocacy Program Info Session](#) | Thurs. September 17th | 5:30PM | MTH 279
- [Lief Cabraier Plaintiffs Law Coalition Presentation](#) | Fri. Sept. 18th | 12:10PM | Room 186 | [RSVP](#)
- [Simpson Thacher 1L Reception](#) | Wed. September 23rd | 6:30-8:30PM | Argos Warehouse | [RSVP](#)
- [Davis Polk 1L Reception](#) | Thurs. September 24th | 6:30PM | Statler | [RSVP](#)
- [Paul Hastings Business of Law Presentation](#) | Fri. September 25th | 12:10PM | MTH 184 | [RSVP](#)
- [K&S Big Law Basics Standing Out In the Crowd](#) | Mon. September 28th and Mon. October 5th | [RSVP](#)
- [Spring 2027 Externships Info Session](#) | Wed. September 30th | 12:15PM | Room 279 or Virtual
- [Weil Cornell 1L Reception](#) | Thurs. October 1st | 6-8PM | Argos Warehouse | [RSVP](#)
- [Breaking Into BigLaw in California with Jones Day](#) | Wd. October 7th | 6-7PM | Virtual | [RSVP](#)
- [Hispanic National Bar Foundation Access Law Summit](#) | Sat. October 10th | 11AM -1PM | [RSVPv](#)
- [City Bar Annual Program and Reception for International LLM Students](#) | Thurs. October 15th | 6-8PM | NYC | [Register](#)

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

Selected Opportunities:

- [2027 Summer Associate](#) | Saveri Law Firm San Francisco | 2Ls & 3Ls
- [First Year Associate Attorney](#) | Freeman Mathias and Garry LLP | 3Ls
- [In-House LLM Job Fair](#) | Cleary Gottlieb | LLMs
- [Experience Latham Europe](#) | Latham | LLMs

- [Legal Internship](#) | NYS Unified Court System | 2Ls 3Ls & LL.M.
- [Entry Level Associate](#) | Sidley Austin NYC | 3Ls
- [2027-2028 Colorado Attorney General's Fellowship Program](#) | Colorado Department of Law | 3Ls
- [2027 Capital Markets First Year Associate](#) | Davis Polk & Wardwell NYC | 3Ls
- [Ella Baker Summer Legal Internship](#) | The Center for Constitutional Rights | 2Ls



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