

The 2L PIPS Summer Job Search

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Six Key Facts About the 2L PIPS Job Search

1. Hiring season starts much earlier (August)
2. 2L summer job more closely related to post-grad job opportunities—
"professionalism"
3. You have more leverage so be strategic



Six Key Facts Continued



Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair (DC)

4. Your application materials need to be better than they were last year
5. Use all interview programs & career fairs to your advantage
6. Need to pay a little more attention to summer funding

How the Feds Hire Attorneys*

- 1) Direct Hiring
- 2) Honors Programs
- 3) Presidential Management Fellowship
- 4) Lateral Hiring



* *Happens throughout your 3L year*

Internships with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

- Summer Legal Internship Program (SLIP)
- Volunteer Legal Internship Program (VLIP)
- Same experience, different deadlines



Internships with PDs and DAs

- Route to post-bar clerkships (post-grad jobs)
- Hire many ways: EIW, FIP, others
- Target building skills & connections to specific offices

A Note About Offers and Acceptances

Subject: Flakey Interns
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2014 20:56:46 +0000
From: [Redacted Attorney]
To: mgrenhart@law.berkeley.edu , career@law.berkeley.edu

Hi Berkeley Career Services Team,

I love Berkeley, I sometimes wish I went to Berkeley as an undergraduate instead of [Redacted College]. One of my favorite legal Interns, [Redacted Grad] came from Berkeley. My respect has been eroded by recent actions of some of your law students.

In the last year, on at least two occasions, Berkeley Law students have accepted intern positions at [Redacted Org] and then continued to interview elsewhere and eventually recant. Each time it is heartbreaking for me. I put a lot of effort into our internship program. If you could please talk with your students about how these actions reflect on Berkeley it would be helpful. I would much rather have a student be honest that they are still looking at other options. In the recent [Redacted Org] Board meeting I relayed that yet another intern has formally accepted and recanted. They asked me what school the intern came from and told me to focus on interns from other schools.

Regards,
[Redacted Attorney]

A Note About Offers & Acceptances

- Acceptances: verbal or in writing
- Must withdraw immediately from other hiring processes
- Be selective and thoughtful about acceptances
- Get help from CDO



For more information & help with your job search...

- Public Interest Internships & Careers (incl. PDs/DAs)
 - **Alex Lee** (alee@law.berkeley.edu)
 - **Melanie Rowen** (mrowen@law.berkeley.edu)
- Government Internships & Careers (except PDs/DAs)
 - **Eric Stern** (estern@law.berkeley.edu)