If you are interested in working for a large law firm in the summer of 2020 (i.e., the type of firm that typically extends permanent job offers at the end of the summer), you should be planning on participating in EIW. It will be those firms’ primary (for some, the only) means by which they hire summer associates.

We will definitely need to be in touch with you over the summer because of early deadlines for participation. Below are two must-do action items if you are considering participating in EIW.

- Update (or confirm the accuracy of) the Employment Preferences and Personal Information (ESPECIALLY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS) in the Profile section of b-Line.
- Make certain your @berkeley.edu address continues functioning throughout the summer and that CDO emails (including egranlund@law.berkeley.edu and tgalligan@law.berkeley.edu) will get through your spam filter.

As we discussed in the April info session (you can find a link to the audio recording here [password is cdoaccess]), EIW, Resume Collect, and FIP are only one of many job search tools. You should also be checking the Jobs tab of b-Line regularly throughout the summer for non-EIW summer 2020 opportunities. Many firms choose to post a summer associate position on b-Line in lieu of registering for our on-campus interview programs. We’ve collected some information on alternatives to OCI here.

Check out our 2019 EIW/FIP website, in particular, you might want to review:

- Our indexed, comprehensive 2019 EIW Guide (pdf), which contains advice as well as the mechanics of applying to EIW and Resume Collect employers. Topics covered include: splitting, bid ranking, applying on firms with multiple offices, reaching out to firms outside EIW, and much more.
- Several of the offerings on the EIW/FIP webcasts page.

We will keep you posted on new additions to the site as they are added.

The OCI tab of b-Line, from which you will be able to view the employers that signed up for this year’s EIW and Resume Collect, will go “live” on or about June 1. In the meantime, for your reference, you can view static lists of last year’s EIW participants via b-Line’s Document Library (click on Resources from the left sidebar menu of the homepage), sorted either by location or employer name. The list of participating employers for this year will likely be very similar as last year’s.

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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST JOB SEARCH

For those of you who are also interested in conducting a government or public interest job search as 2Ls, we posted some resources, including a link to a recording of our recent presentation on the subject here.
An effective government or public interest job search will need to focus more on direct applications and FIP (with the possible exception of one or two large firms with plaintiff’s side work that typically extend post-summer permanent offers; these firms will likely participate in EIW). Melanie Rowen (mrowen@law.berkeley.edu), and Sara Malan (smalan@law.berkeley.edu) will be sending out emails with suggested strategies and advice over the course of the summer. Make sure to check your @berkeley email account over the summer (and make sure their emails will get through your spam filter).

Such a search requires a more customized approach, so you should check in with us over the summer and early fall to develop a strategy suited to your individual needs/interests.