Dear 1Ls:
We know it must seem way too early to be thinking about your 2L summer job before many of you have nailed down your 1L summer job plans. (And if you need any assistance with your 1L search - we are here to help!) However, the 2L summer job search, particularly in the private sector market, tends to start early.

The CDO has programs related to all sectors -- public interest, government, and private sector -- for the rest of the spring semester to help you prepare.

PUBLIC INTEREST/PUBLIC SECTOR

The 2L public interest or public sector summer job search is in many ways similar to the 1L summer job search, and is highly individualized.

Students pursuing these jobs typically work with our PI/PS counselors (Melanie Rowen and Sara Malan) starting in late spring to identify and prepare to apply for the positions they are most interested in (either through the Fall Interview Program (FIP), or direct applications). Deadlines will tend to be in August and beyond.
Our public interest-related programming kicked off at the very start of the semester with the first installment of our 4-part series on direct legal services work, and will continue on February 8 with a presentation on plaintiff-side practice. We will be offering several other public interest-related programs throughout the semester.

**PRIVATE SECTOR**

This year’s Early Interview Week (EIW), the largest of our on-campus interview programs, will take place virtually from August 2 - 5, 2022. You should plan to participate if you are interested in working for a large (typically) defense-side law firm.

In addition, you should plan to reserve the 2 weeks following EIW and before the start of classes for second round interviews (“callbacks”) with these firms. While it is difficult to predict with certainty, you should be prepared for the likelihood that callbacks will take place in person at the offices of the law firms for which you are interviewing. We strongly advise you not to make any vacation plans during this time.

We are kicking off our private sector programming on Wednesday with a program focused on how BigLaw firms operate as businesses.

We realize that your initial (and quite natural) reaction to this email may be increased stress levels – and we wish we could think of a way around this. Our hope is that our spring programs will do the opposite by de-mystifying the process and arming you with the knowledge necessary to best position yourself career-wise.

While neither you (nor we, for that matter) can control what’s happening in the legal job market, you can control how informed you are about how the hiring process works, the effect that changes in the industry are having on that process, how to research employers, what to ask them, the details about bidding and interviewing strategy, and the various job search alternatives to our on-campus interview programs. Our programs are designed to give you this knowledge.
Remember, we are here to meet with you – either by formal appointment, or during designated drop-in hours (or any other time that we are not otherwise engaged) – to address any of your career concerns.

We look forward to supporting you!
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