

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Summer Internships

Want To Get Paid For Meaningful Work?

Did you know that the majority of first year students will work this summer for free, even if they work at a for-profit law firm? Did you also know that the PILF summer grant and the Loyola Work Study Funding programs offer students volunteering in public interest or government agencies positions the opportunity to do what they love and earn a little money? So how do you do it?

STEP 1: Find an public interest organization.

Contact local organizations, visit the PILF website (www.pilf.org) or stop by the Public Interest Law Department. Also, sign up to attend the Public Interest Fair at UCLA on Saturday, February 2. If you still can't find anything you are interested in, talk to one of the PILF board members or PILF mentors and ask about what they did for summer work.

STEP 2: Apply for Summer Work Study Funding from Loyola

Loyola's federal work study program supports 70 students working in non-profits and government agencies over the summer (60 working in public interest positions, and 10 in government positions). Students must be eligible for federal work study to qualify and will receive \$10/hour or as determined by the agency. For more information, including details and deadlines for the program, go to: <http://intranet.lls.edu/publicinterestlaw>.

STEP 3: Get Involved with PILF

Selection criteria for PILF's summer grant program includes previous involvement with PILF programs and other community service. So get involved and increase your chances of getting paid to do something you really love this summer! Current service opportunities include helping with the Spring Pledge Drive or participating in one of the upcoming service projects.

STEP 4: Apply for a Summer Grant from PILF

All first and second year day students and first, second or third year evening students are eligible to apply for the grant. Applications will be **available March 12** and will be **DUE MARCH 28**. Note that the PILF grant is available in addition to any other funding you may secure through the work study program or other public interest funding.

Upcoming Events

January 18th

GRAP Outing

January 29th, 5-5:50

Alliance for Children's Rights
Training w/ Diego Cartagena

Last Week of January

Public Interest Mock Interviews

February 5, 5-5:50

Legal Aid Foundation of LA
Employment & Domestic Violence
Clinic

February 6, 12-1

Lunch with James Gilliam,
Recipient of the Loyola's Pro Bono
Alumni of the Year Award

February 8th

GRAP Outing

February 28th, 12-1

Social Justice Lecture with
Prof. Jennifer Gorden, Fordham Law

March 4th, 12-1, Girardi Lawn

Brown Bag Lunch with former
ACLU lawyer, Professor Williams

March 7th

GRAP Outing

March 28th

Summer Grant & PILF Board
Applications **DUE**

April 4th

GRAP Outing

Week of April 7th

PILF Spring Pledge Drive

Other Upcoming Activities

- * Mentor/Mentee End of the Year
Potluck Lunch - April
- * **Fellowship Workshop:** Learn
the "Ins and Outs" of Public Interest
Fellowships (Date TBD)

PILF Spring Pledge Drive

Pledge Now, Pay Later!

Each year PILF assists graduating students planning a career in public interest by awarding grants to help defray the bar exam costs. Our Spring Pledge Drive, to be held this year April 7th-11th, raises funds for this effort, as well as additional funds for our Summer Grant Program.

Second year students working as summer associates are key to the success of our pledge drive. Students can pledge now and pay later after they receive a summer paycheck. What is more, many law firms match donations so you can double your donation. For more information, please contact, Renee DeLellis, Renee.DeLellis@lls.edu.

Fulfill Your Pro-Bono Graduation Requirement PILF Service Projects Continue

PILF works with local public service agencies to provide Loyola students with opportunities in public interest law. Second and third year students can also apply their training towards Loyola's public interest graduation requirement. First year students get a chance to engage in real-world advocacy. It is NOT too late to get involved! **Remember, you must complete 40 hours of community service prior to starting your last semester at Loyola.**

Los Angeles County. LAFLA promotes access to justice, strengthens communities, combats discrimination, and effects systemic change through representation, advocacy, and community education.

Join us on **February 5th, 5-5:50** (location TBA) for a training session with a LAFLA representative. You can also visit the website for more information, <http://www.lafla.org/>.

Alliance for Children's Rights

Alliance for Children's Rights non-profit that works to protect the rights and futures of abused and impoverished children throughout Los Angeles County. On **January 29th**, a representative from Alliance for Children's Rights will be visiting Loyola to train students in advocacy skills aimed at protecting children's rights.

To learn more about Alliance for Children's Rights, or to get involved as a volunteer, please join us on the 29th from 5-5:50 (location TBA). For more information, you can also visit their website at, <http://www.kids-alliance.org>.

General Relief Advocacy Project (GRAP)

Through GRAP, students visit Los Angeles County Department of Social Services (DPSS) locations in order to advocate for individuals applying for general relief and food stamps. Last year, Loyola had the highest number of student participants in GRAP out of all law schools in the area.

Advocates must attend a one-hour training session. This year's training sessions were held in the fall. The remaining GRAP services dates are: **January 18th, February 8th, March 7th, and April 4th**. If you have not become involved yet, look for information in Fall 2008 on training and service dates. For more information, please email Nichole Schuck, Nichole.E.Schuck@lls.edu.

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) provides legal services for disadvantaged individuals throughout

Join the LA Public Interest Law Journal

Consider working as an editor or staff person next year on the Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal. We work in collaboration with USC, UCLA and Southwestern.

LAPILJ is also currently accepting submissions of student scholarship. Submissions should be no longer than 20 pages, courier font, double-spaced. We are looking for original submissions that focus on public interest issues and/or the role of an attorney in challenging the status quo. Please send any queries to PILF Co-Chair, Josh Adams at joshua.adams@lls.edu.

PILF 2007 Fall Auction Huge Success!!

The 2007 PILF Auction and Casino Night was a great success! We raised over \$40,000 to be put to great use in helping students doing public interest work over the summer! Thanks to all who donated items, bought raffle tickets and joined us at the auction. Your support helped make this year a huge success! See you next year!

Join the Team Become a PILF Board Member

PILF wants you to join our board! The PILF board makes the work of PILF possible, including planning the Fall Auction, providing service opportunities, arranging social justice speakers, and much more! We do it by dividing up the work between our great board members. We hope you will join us!

Applications for board positions are **DUE March 28th** at the PILF Office in Founder's Hall 226. Until applications are made available, please read through the descriptions of the board positions below and consider which one suits you.

(Co-)Chair of the Board

Plan and implement all of the programs offered by PILF. The position entails meeting with the Board and sub-committees to brainstorm ideas, set up training programs, informational meetings and events. The chair works closely with the public interest law department, student affairs, student government, professors and staff. The time commitment varies, but is considerable in the weeks leading up to the Fall Auction. However, since most of the programs we offer or sponsor have been done in the past, most of the leg work or contacts are easy to come by. In addition, this position can be held by one or two people.

Treasurer

Prepares budget proposals for the Evening and Day Student Bar Associations and submits reimbursement requests to both SBAs and the cashier's office. Works closely with the Auction Chair, helping to coordinate payment for the Silent and Live Auctions. Manages all payments and donations. Reimburses board members' expenses. The time commitment varies, about 15 hours for the auction; 2-3 hours at the beginning of each semester preparing

budgets; and then about 1/2 to 1 hour per week throughout the year.

Secretary

The secretary prepares and distributes meeting minutes. Creates PILF newsletter biannually. Works with the auction chairs to create the auction program. Assists with flyers and for service projects as needed. Time commitment is approximately twenty hours for the auction and five hours per newsletter.

Auction Chair

Organizes the Fall Auction. Duties include drafting donation letters, contacting vendors/donors, creating auction subcommittees, maintaining inventory of donated items, among others. Applicants should be able to multi-task and be extremely organized. The time commitment for the Fall Auction is significant - up to 20 hours per week during the month of the auction. Preparations begin Summer 2008.

Vice Auction (Co-)Chair

Assists the auction chair in all preparations for the Fall Auction. Like the auction chair, the time commitment is also significant, up to 10 hours per week during the month of the auction.

Publicity (Co-)Chair

Assists the board chairs, auction chairs, and coordinators in all aspects of publicity. Oversees the Spring Pledge Drive and acts as the liaison between PILF board members and 1L representatives. Assures the 1L representatives are informed about PILF activities so they can inform their respective sections. Keeping the school campus apprised of PILF events is extremely important to PILF's success.

Service Project Coordinator

Coordinate PILF service projects by working with local non-profit legal

services providers. The coordinator must recruit Loyola students to participate, schedule the training, answer student questions about the project, and supervise students on-site. This position involves lots of contact with clients and public interest attorneys. The time commitment averages out to 1 to 2 hours per week.

Speaker Series Chair

The social justice speaker series is a monthly event that brings distinguished professors and community leaders from the public interest field to speak about issues that are important to our students. Responsibilities include planning topics and potential speakers before each semester, contacting speakers and setting up the event (setting dates, making room requests, scheduling recording and bringing food). The position requires approximately 2 hours per week.

GRAP Coordinator

The GRAP coordinator organizes GRAP training and service opportunities. The position requires coordination with the Los Angeles County of Department of Social Services (DPSS) and supervision of students during service projects. Time commitment averages to approximately 2 hours per week.

Mentor Coordinator

Coordinate the mentor/mentee program and organize events. Match mentors with 1L PILF members. Time commitment is approximately 10 hours per semester.

General Board Member

Assist as needed on various projects. Could entail assisting with the Social Justice Speaker Series, decorating for the Fall Auction, working with professors to host lectures, and assisting with publicity, among others.