Developing Your Path to Public Service

Please visit the CSO website “Career Paths” and go to either the Government or Public Interest & Public Defense pages for a PDF copy of this handout with links.

General
- Connect with the Career Services Office’s (CSO) Public Service Career Advisors:
  - Government: Denyse Demel at ddemel@law.utexas.edu
  - Public Interest: Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu
- Sign up for the Texas Law Public Service Litserv
- Visit the CSO’s Public interest & Public Defense Careers and Government Careers webpages
- Learn about Summer & Term-Time Fellowships (Government and Public Interest)
- Receive Peer-to-Peer Employer Insights from 2Ls and 3Ls (Government Agencies and Public Interest Organizations)
  - William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law
  - Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice
  - Texas Law Clinical Program
  - Texas Law Internships for Academic Credit

Civil Rights
- Read the “Law Reform/Policy Organizations” section from the Texas Law Public Interest Career Handbook on Canvas
  - PSJD’s Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Career Guide
- Civil rights alumni contacts available; email Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu

Criminal Defense
- Read the “Public Defenders” (PD) section from the Texas Law Public Interest Career Handbook on Canvas
  - PSJD’s Criminal Law Career Guide
- PD interview resources available in the CSO, including the Texas Law Interview Feedback Database: Public Defense; email Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu for additional information
- Indigent defense alumni contacts available in the CSO, including the Texas Law Students & Alumni in Indigent Defense LinkedIn Group; email Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu for additional contacts

Criminal Prosecution
- Prosecution interview resources available in the CSO, including sample interview questions; email Denyse Demel at ddemel@law.utexas.edu for more information
  - PSJD’s Criminal Law Career Guide
  - The Texas Prosecutor: Justice in Action, distributed by the Texas District and County Attorneys Association
  - The Criminal Hypothetical and Other Unique Aspects of the Criminal Law Interview Process (NALP Bulletin, November 2006)
- Prosecution alumni contacts available in the CSO, including Texas Law Students & Alumni in Criminal Prosecution LinkedIn Group; email Denyse Demel at ddemel@law.utexas.edu for additional contacts
Environmental Law

- Texas Law Public Interest Career Handbook on Canvas
- PSJD’s Environmental Law Career Guide
- The University of Texas School of Law Environmental Law Internship Guide
- Environmental law alumni contacts available in the CSO; contact:
  Government: Denyse Demel at ddemel@law.utexas.edu
  Public Interest: Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu

Human Rights

- “Careers in International Public Interest Law” section, Texas Law Public Interest Career Handbook on Canvas
- PSJD’s International Resources, which includes the Yale Law School Guide to International Public Interest Careers
- Law Student Opportunities on the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice website
- Human Rights alumni contacts available in the CSO, including the Texas Law Students & Alumni in Human Rights LinkedIn Group; email Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu for additional contacts

Immigration Law

- Texas Law Public Interest Career Handbook on Canvas
- PSJD’s Immigration and Refugee Law Career Guide
- Immigration law alumni contacts available in the CSO; contact:
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  Public Interest: Nicole Simmons at nsimmons@law.utexas.edu