

PUBLIC-SERVICE PROGRAM



15 YEARS

of the Public-Service Program



695+

Students fulfilled the
Public-Service Pledge

3,000+

Students participated in
the program



75+

Public-Service Hours



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Public-service work is integral to fostering a fair and just society. Social and economic inequalities can be compounded when those without the means to advocate for themselves are faced with legal problems. Volunteering with legal aid organizations is important because it allows individuals with experience and knowledge to aid those who are priced out of the legal system.

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Christopher Hanson
Class of 2024

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sign-up to the PSP Canvas page to receive announcements on pro bono initiatives, skills-based trainings as well as community education and news on a rolling basis throughout the academic-year.

SEPTEMBER

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JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON PUBLIC-SERVICE BOOT CAMP

At Harry's Boot Camp, new students dedicated to pro bono and public interest practice will be introduced to a cohort of like-minded lawyers, faculty, staff and students at the outset of their studies.

Our day of community-building and skills-training on providing legal advocacy through a trauma-informed, anti-racist lens culminates with the Judge Harry Pregerson Public Service Alumni Award Reception.

JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON PUBLIC-SERVICE ALUMNI AWARD RECEPTION

The Judge Harry Pregerson Public-Service Alumni Award honors an outstanding recent graduate for their dedication and success in the fields of public service and/or public interest practice.



OCTOBER

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EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

The Equal Justice Works Career Fair is the national recruitment event for public interest / public service career students. This annual recruitment event will see more than 3,300 interviews conducted for law students seeking summer or postgraduate positions in regions from across the country – e.g. East Coast, Mid-West, South/Deep South, Pacific Northwest and Southwestern states.

SOUTHWESTERN'S ANNUAL PUBLIC INTEREST/ PUBLIC SERVICE FAIR

Hosted in collaboration with Southwestern's Career Services Office and the Public Interest Law Committee, students will have opportunities to meet in-person with public sector attorneys to learn about practice areas and legal services offered in the Greater Los Angeles legal community and how you can support and gain applicable legal experience through volunteer, scholarship, clinical, fellowship, or employment opportunities.

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JANUARY

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SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS STUDENT INFO SESSION

Through a range of immersive learning opportunities, students can opt for legal volunteer projects as part of week-long Spring Break service experiences offered exclusively for Southwestern students. Must be willing to travel. No experience required. Spots limited!



JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON PUBLIC-SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS AND SUMMER FUNDING INFO SESSION

An informal gathering that kicks-off the opening of the JHP Public Service Fellowship application cycle, provides key dates and info on summer funding resources for students as well as an opportunity to meet with Southwestern's JHP Public Service Fellows who can offer guidance on how students can prepare for application and interview processes.

FEBRUARY

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC INTEREST / PUBLIC SECTOR VIRTUAL CAREER DAY

Southern California's Public Interest / Public Sector Career Day (PICD) is one of the largest career fairs of its kind in the country. Each year, more than 100 nonprofit organizations, private public interest firms, and government agencies participate to recruit law students enrolled in the member schools of the Southern California Law School Consortium.

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RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC-INTEREST AND PUBLIC-SERVICE STUDENTS

Southwestern has a deep commitment to public-service. The following resources are dedicated to supporting Southwestern students pursuing public-service career goals.

MARCH DEADLINES

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PUBLIC-INTEREST LAW COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

George & Katrina Woolverton Public Service Award. \$10,000 awarded to one graduating student in recognition of demonstrated extraordinary dedication to public interest law activities while at Southwestern.

Woolverton Family Public Interest Award. \$5,000 awarded to one graduating student in recognition of demonstrated exceptional dedication to public interest law activities while at Southwestern.

Public Interest Law Service Award. Given annually to a graduating student(s) in recognition of demonstrated significant dedication to public interest law activities while at Southwestern.

PUBLIC-SERVICE PLEDGE & COMMENCEMENT RECOGNITION

Graduating students who have completed a minimum of 75 hours of law-related service by deadline in their final year of study will be recognized at commencement ceremonies and a notation of Public-Service Program distinction placed on their academic transcripts.

JUDGE HARRY PREGERSON PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

Southwestern's Judge Harry Pregerson (JHP) Public Service Fellows are selected students who demonstrate exceptional dedication to public service, and who are most likely to dedicate their legal careers to working on behalf of underserved communities and causes. Summer fellowship awards will be in the sum of \$8,000 each to five (5) second-year students and of \$5,500 each to five (5) first-year students.

PUBLIC-INTEREST LAW COMMITTEE SUMMER GRANT PROGRAM

The Public-Interest Law Committee (PILC) conducts fundraising activities throughout the academic year to support students in full-time, unpaid summer clerkships in the public-interest or public-service sectors. Students can apply for up to \$5,000 in funding.



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