



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES: PRO BONO & PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PLACEMENTS

Sponsored by the Public Interest Law Initiative
and the Chicago Area Law School Consortium

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:45 a.m. – Breakfast and Registration

9:00 a.m. to Noon – Program

Chicago-Kent College of Law ~ 565 West Adams Street

Looking to secure a placement at a public interest law organization or in the government sector? This program is for Chicago-area law students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about placements as volunteers, interns or externs, fellows or staff at public interest law organizations.

The program will begin with a panel discussion focusing on how to obtain pro bono and public interest law placements, particularly PILI Internships and Fellowships, Equal Justice Works Fellowships and Skadden Fellowships. It will also address incorporating pro bono and public interest law into your experience in law school and throughout your career. The panel will include:

Todd Belcore, *Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Equal Justice Works Fellow)*

Susan DeCostanza, *Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (former PILI Intern)*

Lam Ho, *Equip for Equality (former Skadden Fellow)*

Travis Kennedy, *Jenner & Block (former PILI Fellow)*

Kate Pomper, *Office of the Illinois Attorney General (former PILI Intern)*

Following this panel discussion, attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with leading attorneys in private, government and public interest law practice sectors for speed networking sessions. The group sessions will include:

Sean Morales-Doyle, *Judicial Clerk at U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois*

Sean Ginty, *CNA Financial Corporation*

Gail Kim, *Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms*

Jed Untereker, *Illinois Legal Aid Online*

The morning will conclude with a presentation on the nuts of bolts of landing a position at a public interest law organization. The presenter will offer practical advice on writing effective resumes and cover letters and also share tips on developing strong networking and interviewing skills. The speaker for this presentation is:

Cynthia A. Wilson, *Northwestern University School of Law*

Students and recent graduates alike are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about the Public Interest Law Initiative, the Chicago Area Law School Consortium and Illinois Legal Aid Online. Breakfast will be provided at this complimentary program. For additional information, contact PILI's Program Manager, Sheila Simhan, at 312-832-5128 or ssimhan@pili-law.org.

Advance registration is required by September 19th by e-mailing rsvp@pili-law.org