



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES: PRO BONO & PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PLACEMENTS

*Sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta, the Public Interest Law Initiative
and the Chicago Area Law School Consortium*

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast and Registration

9:00 a.m. to Noon – Program

DePaul University College of Law ~ 25 East Jackson Boulevard

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:

Mary Curry, *Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois*

Patrick Gallagher, *Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP (former PILI Fellow)*

Ashlee Highland, *CARPLS, Cook County's Legal Aid Hotline (former PILI Intern)*

Jennifer Hrycyna, *Illinois Department of Human Services (former Skadden Fellow)*

Maria Sfreddo, *Equal Justice Works Fellow at Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago*

Following this panel discussion, attendees will also have the opportunity to meet with leading attorneys in private practice, government and public interest law practice. The following people will participate in these group mentoring sessions:

Laurie Burgess, *Burgess Law Offices*

Jennifer Cassell, *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Tammy Evans, *Cook County Public Guardian (former PILI Intern)*

Kimberly Halvorsen, *Clifford Law Offices*

Jon Schildt, *Kirkland & Ellis LLP (former PILI Fellow)*

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

Alicia Aiken, *Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago*

Ruta Stropus, *Illinois Attorney General's Office*

Michelle Mohr Vodenik, *Chicago-Kent College of Law*

Students and recent graduates alike are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn about Phi Alpha Delta, 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 Director of Programs, Michael Bergmann, at 312-832-5129 or mbergmann@pili-law.org.

Advance registration is required by September 28th by e-mailing rsvp@pili-law.org.