Firms Sponsoring Split Public Interest Summers

Several law firms have instituted programs that enable law students to work part of the summer with the firm, and part of the summer with a public interest organization, with the firm paying the students’ salaries for the entire summer. These generous plans allow law students to explore two types of legal practice and demonstrate the firms’ strong commitment to pro bono work. We encourage students to discuss these opportunities with firms and to seek firms that support public interest law and pro bono work through these and other programs.

**Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld** Pro Bono Scholars Summer Program is a two-year program for up to three 1Ls. The first summer the Scholars spend at least seven weeks at a public interest organization and three weeks at either the firm’s DC, Dallas or New York office working on pro bono matters. The firm plans to expand the program to other offices next year. Salary for the entire period is commensurate with the firm’s summer associate salary. For the second summer the students are expected to work in the DC office, with summer associate salary, and will be given a commercial workload as well as pro bono opportunities. Scholars will be eligible for a post-graduation offer after completing the second summer at Akin.

www.akingump.com  
Washington, DC • 202-887-4071  
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**Arnold & Porter's** New York Office, offers a split summer opportunity for a 2L. The firm requires that the first half of the summer be spent at the firm, and the second half at an NYC-based public interest organization.

www.arnoldporter.com  
New York, NY • 212-715-1776  
Aglaia Galimanis, Legal Recruitment and Professional Development Department  
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**Bradley Arant Boult Cummings** offers a split summer opportunity for a 1L or 2L student. The student will work a minimum of 6 weeks at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings and the balance of the summer (a minimum of 4 weeks) at a public service organization approved by the firm.

www.babc.com  
Birmingham, AL/Huntsville, AL/Jackson, MS/Montgomery, AL/Charlotte, NC/  
Washington, DC/Nashville, TN  
205-521-8445  
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Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft may offer up to two Cadwalader Public Interest Fellowships to 2L students. The fellow will work at the firm for the first 8 weeks of the summer and spend the last 4-6 weeks working at a NYC public interest organization approved by the firm. The firm will pay the standard 2L weekly summer associate salary for work at the firm and pay $8,000 for work at the public interest organization.

www.cadwalader.com
New York, NY • 212-504-6565
Susan Harlow, Director of Legal Recruitment
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Crowell & Moring allows up to one-third of its 2L summer associates to spend 5 weeks at a DC public interest organizations. The firm extends offers without a commitment for the split summer option and inquires about interest in the program in the spring.

www.crowell.com
Washington, DC • 202.624.2771
Torey Phillips, Director of Attorney Recruiting and Development
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Dewey & LeBoeuf offers split summer opportunities in the firm’s New York and Washington, DC offices. In the New York office, law students work at the firm for the first half of the summer program and then can spend the second half at a public interest organization of their choice, subject to the firm’s approval. In the Washington, DC office, the firm sponsors the Buchen Public Interest Fellowship, which allows a student to work for a public interest organization related to one of the office’s practice groups. Split-summer opportunities are open to all law students accepted to the summer programs in the firm’s NY or DC offices. There is a brief application process, and the firm sets no arbitrary limit on the number of split-summer opportunities it makes available. The number of split-summer opportunities approved in a given year depends on a variety of factors, including the strength of the applications and the amount of interest in the opportunities.

www.dl.com
New York, NY • 212-259-6788
Scot Fishman, Director of Pro Bono
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Washington, DC • 202-346-7814
Linda McGunigal, Attorney HR Manager
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Fenwick & West offers two 2L students the opportunity to spend the first 7 weeks of the summer at the firm and the following 3 weeks at a Bay Area public interest organization which focuses on diversity issues or serving diverse populations. Fellow(s) would continue to attend firm summer events during the fellowship. At the end of the summer, the Public Interest Fellow will be eligible for a first-year associate offer, contingent upon work evaluations and performance feedback from the public interest organization.

www.fenwick.com
Silicon Valley, San Francisco, Seattle
650-335-4949
Julieta Stubrin, Manager of Attorney Recruiting & Diversity
recruit@fenwick.com

Fulbright & Jaworski offers a split summer opportunity for one Yale 1L and one Yale 2L to work the first half of the summer with the firm (6-8 weeks) and the second half of the summer (up to 6 weeks) with a public interest organization approved by the firm and in any U.S. city where the firm has an office.

www.fulbright.com
Houston/New York/Washington, DC/Austin/Dallas/Los Angeles/Minneapolis/San Antonio
512-536-2412
Alice Miller, Recruiting Coordinator
aamiller@fulbright.com

Goodwin Procter’s DC office offers two 2Ls the opportunity to spend a minimum of the seven weeks of the summer at the firm and the second half working at a DC-based public interest organization of their choice. Students interested in applying should, after they receive an offer, submit a letter to the firm describing their interest in working at a specific public interest organization and, if possible, confirm the organization’s willingness to participate in the program.

www.goodwinprocter.com
Washington, DC • 202-346-4171
Cindy Jahr Evans, Legal Recruitment Manager
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Hughes Hubbard & Reed offers a split summer Schell Fellowship to a Yale 2L student. The fellow will work at the firm’s NYC office for the first 7-8 weeks and spend the rest of the summer at a public interest organization of the student’s choice.

www.hugheshubbard.com
New York, NY • 212-837-6676
Kit Wannen - Manager of Law School Recruitment
wannen@hugheshubbard.com

Kelley Drye’s Pro Bono Fellowship Program offers one summer associate the opportunity to spend half of the summer at Kelley Drye and the other half working for a non-profit public interest organization of his or her choice, with a focus on an underserved population in the New York Metropolitan area. The fellow will continue to be actively involved in the Kelley Drye summer program.

www.kelleydrye.com
New York, NY • 212-808-7728
Tina Metis, Director of Legal Recruiting
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**K&L Gates** The program awards up to three successful 2L or 3L candidates a $4,000 stipend for a 4-week fellowship at one of four designated public interest organizations. Candidates must complete and submit an application by October 7, 2011. Students are not required but are encouraged to apply to the K&L Gates summer associate program for the remainder of the summer. The four participating organizations are Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Education Law Center, KidsVoice and Neighborhood Legal Services Association. For additional information or to request a copy of the application materials, please contact:

www.klgates.com  
Pittsburgh • 412-355-6547  
Jessica L. Gangjee, Regional Recruiting Manager  
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**Morgan Lewis & Bockius** offers all summer associates (predominantly 2Ls) the opportunity to work for up to 4 weeks in a public service organization through their PICS (Public Interest and Community Service) program and receive the full compensation for the 10 week summer program.

www.morganlewis.com  
Chicago/Dallas/Houston/Washington, DC/Los Angeles/Miami/New York/Palo Alto/Philadelphia/Pittsburgh/Princeton/San Francisco  
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**Munger, Tolles & Olson** offers up to four 1Ls (two in Los Angeles and two in San Francisco) the opportunity to work a minimum of 7 weeks with the firm and up to 4 weeks with an approved nonprofit organization in the Los Angeles or San Francisco area, receiving $3,080 per week for the entire summer. Candidates who will bring any type of diversity to the firm are especially encouraged to apply. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and must be received by March 5.

www.mto.com  
Los Angeles, CA • 213-683-9242  
Ms. Kevinn Villard  
Director of Legal Recruiting  
kevinn.villard@mto.com
Paul Hastings offers a limited number of second year law students an opportunity to split their summer with a non-profit organization in the city where they will be working for the Firm. The public interest organization is subject to approval and conflicts clearance by the Firm. Students should express their interest in this opportunity during the campus interview process and, if selected, must submit the name of the non-profit organization by March 31st. The first 8 weeks of the summer must be spent with the firm, and the final 4 weeks spent with the public interest organization. While working for the non-profit organization during the last four weeks of the summer program, the Firm will compensate the student unless legally prohibited.

www.paulhastings.com
18 Offices Worldwide / Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
212-318-6898
Cindy Hasson, Director, Global Attorney Recruiting
cindyhasson@paulhastings.com

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman has in the past offered all summer associates (both 1Ls & 2Ls) the opportunity to spend the first 7 or 8 weeks at the firm and the rest of the summer at a DC public interest organization of their choice. The firm has helped interested summer associates find appropriate public interest opportunities.

www.pillsburylaw.com
Washington, DC/San Francisco
202.663.8545
Keona L. Tucker, Attorney Recruiting Manager
keona.tucker@pillsburylaw.com

Shipman & Goodwin offers one Yale 2L the opportunity to work 8 weeks with the firm and 4 weeks with a public interest organization, preferably in either the Hartford or Stamford area. Students should express their interest in pursuing this opportunity during the on-campus interview process. The public interest organization is subject to approval and conflicts clearance by the firm.

www.shipmangoodwin.com
Hartford, CT • 860-251-5000
Megan Tenney, Legal Recruiting & Professional Development Manager
860-251-5042
mtenney@goodwin.com

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett offers up to 5 split summer opportunities (2Ls only). These students will work for the first 8 weeks at the firm and then at a public interest organization of their choice. The organization they choose to work for may be domestic or international. The firm also offers the Cyrus Vance Fellowship, which allows one Yale student to work at the firm for a minimum of the first 8 weeks and then to work on an international human rights project approved by the Schell Center at Yale.

www.simpsonthacher.com
New York, NY • 212-455-7084
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**Vinson & Elkins** offers a split opportunity for two 2Ls. The firm requires that the first half of the summer be spent in one of their offices and the second half at a public interest organization approved by the firm and in any U.S. city where the firm has an office.

www.velaw.com  
Austin/Dallas/Houston/New York/ DC/Palo Alto  
512-542-8717  
Stephanie Pratt, Attorney Employment Manager  
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**Wiggin and Dana** offers a split summer opportunity for one 2L to spend the first 5 weeks at the firm and 4 weeks of the summer at a public interest organization approved by the firm.

www.wiggin.com  
New Haven, CT • 203-498-4472  
Kathy Gilloran, Dir. of Professional Recruitment and Development  
kgilloran@wiggin.com

Inclusion on this list assumes the firm will assure full associate pay during the public interest placement unless otherwise specified. Sometimes not all offices of a firm participate in the sponsored split program. We have listed, with the firm contact information, only the participating offices.

Yale Law School Career Development Office would like to thank the listed firms for their generous support of legal work in the public interest.

If you know of any other split public interest summer opportunities or would like to develop one, please contact the Yale Law School Career Development Office at 203-432-1676 or cdo.law@yale.edu.