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Government Resources
Job Fairs, Networking and Other Important Dates

Year Long
- Career Services Office Programming; EARLY FALL = Exploring Careers at the Department of Justice, Exploring Careers in Federal Government

August
- **Fall On Campus Interviewing**
  Check the list of participating employers! The Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office begins the 3L interview process through Fall On Campus Interviewing. Other government agencies also attend to interview 2L/3L’s. See Red Resources Sheet for details.

- **Government Honors & Internship Handbook**
  Must-look at resource for every student interested in federal government opportunities, updated each summer. Although deadlines are throughout the fall, some agencies will cut application deadlines early if they receive many applications. Watch for the new handbook website and password to be posted in Symplicity “Resources”.

- **Department of Justice**
  As the largest legal employer in the United States, the Department of Justice includes over 40 departments! Perhaps most familiar are the US Attorney’s Offices, FBI, ATF, and DEA; however, the Department also hires law clerks in all immigration courts and has divisions that enforce environmental regulations and civil rights laws. The DOJ also has a competitive post-graduation honors program; **application opens in late July and closes the Tuesday after Labor Day**.

- **Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair**
  Held each year in October in or near Washington, D.C., this event features a national career fair as well as public interest and social justice workshops. Chicago-Kent also hosts a reception to connect students who attend with alums working in the area. Students register and begin to apply for interviews in August. Conference: Friday & Saturday, October 25 – 26, 2013, Arlington, Virginia

August/September
- **Government Agency Career Expo**
  Allows local, state and local agencies to meet with public-service- minded students who are interested in careers in government. Employers have the opportunity to demonstrate their distinctive qualities and to highlight the work being done on behalf of county and state residents. Held annually at the Chicago Bar Association/John Marshall Law School.

November
- **Meet the Public Service Employers Reception**
  Held each year at Loyola Law School, this event features public service employers from the Chicagoland Area.

- **Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference**
  Registration begins and continues until early December; email Allison Smith at asmith16@kentlaw.edu to sign up and watch the Record for details.

February
- **Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference**
  Held each year at Northwestern Law School, this conference draws employers from around the country for both informal table talk sessions and interviews for law clerk and attorney positions. **February 1, 2014**
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**Job Search Resources & Websites**

- **Chicago-Kent Symplicity Resources**: Public Interest Handbooks for 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls, Public Defender Handbook, Prosecutor Handbook and Government Employment in Chicago (a summary of city, county, state, federal agencies)

- **Symplicity Job Postings**: [https://law-kent-csm.symplicity.com/students](https://law-kent-csm.symplicity.com/students)


- **Federal Jobs**: USAJobs [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Set up a search agent to send you relevant postings.

- **PSJD**: [www.psjd.org](http://www.psjd.org). “Go to Resource Center”, then “Career Central” for info on prosecutor/public defender careers and government careers (federal, state, local). This site also includes job postings and listings for all government/non-profits agencies in all regions of the country.

- **List of Prosecutor Offices** (county, state, federal) around the US: [www.prosecutor.info](http://www.prosecutor.info)

**Financing a Public Service Career**

- **PSJD** → Resource Center → Funding & Debt
- **Equal Justice Works** → I want to learn about student debt relief

- **While in Law School**:

- **After Law School**:
  - Chicago-Kent Loan Repayment Assistance Program: [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/the-c-k-experience/public-interest-commitment/loan-repayment-assistance-program](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/the-c-k-experience/public-interest-commitment/loan-repayment-assistance-program)
  - Federal Loan Forgiveness (after 10 years in Public Service)
  - John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Programs (prosecutors/public defenders)

**Diversity Job Fairs**

- Information on the diversity job fairs is available at [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/career-preparation/career-services/students/job-fairs](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/career-preparation/career-services/students/job-fairs) and updated frequently in the CSO section of the Record.

**Networking**

- For information about how to build a network, how to overcome concerns about networking, what to say, what to ask for, and managing expectations, please visit [http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/career-preparation/career-services/students/career-strategies/networking](http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/career-preparation/career-services/students/career-strategies/networking). This page also includes direct links to networking tools such as the Chicago-Kent Online Alumni Community, LinkedIn, Martindale, bar associations, student groups, and pro bono opportunities.