

2013 NALP PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference

Public interest career counselors, pro bono program managers, and other public-service career professionals from the law school and employer communities are invited to attend the 2013 NALP/PSJD Public Service Mini-Conference on Thursday, October 24 at the Washington, DC offices of Hogan Lovells US LLP with additional programming for newcomers on Wednesday, October 23.

Summary

Participate in this ideal opportunity to meet and network with colleagues from across the country, attend substantive and skills-based programs, and interact with NALP staff members! The Mini-Conference's morning programs will include introductions, a plenary program, and an update on staff-driven initiatives. Our luncheon will feature an announcement of the PSJD Pro Bono Publico award recipient, which is a student who has performed exemplary public service during her/his law school career, and an opportunity to spend time with your colleagues. Our afternoon sessions will include a town-hall style meeting of NALP's Public Service Section and three breakout sessions followed by a legal recruiter reception.

Our plenary program this year will discuss diversity.

Afternoon programming will include three exciting breakout sessions:

1. Two-Year Fellowship Programs: JD Fellowships beyond the "Big 2"
2. Behavioral Interviewing: How to Prepare Students and Evaluate Their Responses
3. Best Practices for Law Student Pro Bono: the CLEA Chapter & More

This year's Mini-Conference events will once again include the popular Public Interest Advising 101 session for newcomers. This session, hosted at the Georgetown University Law Center, will take place on the day before the Mini-Conference, Wednesday, October 23, from 3:30-5:30pm. Public Interest Advising 101 is a highly useful introduction for newcomers to the field and for more experienced professionals who have recently added public interest advising to their portfolios.

Following the Public Interest Advising 101 program, all Mini-Conference and 101 attendees are invited to join up for a "Round-Robin Networking Dinner" at 6:30pm on Wednesday. This pay-your-own-way event provides an informal opportunity to share a meal with colleagues old and new. And we'll pick the restaurants and make the reservations for you!

The Mini-Conference, NALP's premier public interest event, is a great opportunity to spend time with friends and colleagues during the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair weekend, and offers wonderful programming that will benefit both veteran public interest career professionals and newcomers alike. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

NALP and PSJD thank law firm Hogan Lovells US LLP and the Georgetown University Law Center for their partnership and generosity in hosting our Mini-Conference events.

Conference Schedule

Public Interest Advising 101 (Wednesday, October 23, 3:30 – 5:30 pm)

Georgetown University Law Center

600 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20001

[Link to Map & Directions](#)

Followed by the Round Robin dinner around DC and Northern Virginia

NALP/PSJD Public Interest Mini-Conference (Thursday, October 24, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

Hogan Lovells US LLP

Columbia Square

555 Thirteenth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20004

[Link to Map](#)

Mini-Conference Programming Wednesday, October 23

3:30 - 5:30pm

Public Interest Advising 101: Best Practices from the Public Interest Advising Community (Georgetown University Law Center)

Are you new to the counseling profession or new to public interest counseling or pro bono programs (0-3 years)? Then we welcome you to join us for a session designed to promote networking with your peers and to offer the “nuts and bolts” of counseling students, as well as planning student/alumni programming and administering pro bono and other service programs.

We will be joined by these and other experienced members of our community:

- Christina Jackson, Director of Public Service Initiatives, NALP
- Heather Jarvis, Student Loan Expert and NALP Educational Debt Consultant
- Ashley Matthews, PSJD Fellow, NALP
- Samantha Kasmarek, Public Service Section Chair

6:00 - 8:00pm

Round-Robin Networking Dinner for Mini-Conference & Public Interest Advising 101 Attendees

If you're getting in early on Wednesday, please join us! This pay-your-own-way event will provide an informal opportunity to share a meal with colleagues old and new. And we'll pick the restaurants and make the reservations for you! Stay tuned for additional details.

Thursday, October 24

9:00 - 9:30 am	Light Breakfast
9:30 - 10:00 am	Welcome & Introductions
10:00 - 11:30 am	Plenary: Diversity in the Public Sector
11:30 - 11:45 am	Break
11:45 am - 12:15 pm	PSJD and NALP Staff Update
12:15 - 1:30 pm	Lunch & 18th Annual PSJD Pro Bono Publico Award Take the opportunity to slow down and talk with your colleagues. We will take the first 15 minutes to read the award-winning nomination and highlight his/her work.
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Public Service Section Meeting & Town Hall Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section business• Review of updates on pro bono requirements, bridging fellowships, loan repayment programs, and other hot topics• Open discussion/town hall
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 - 4:30 pm	Breakout Programming

Two-Year Fellowship Programs: JD Fellowships Beyond the “Big 2”

Are you looking for new ways to connect your graduating students with public sector employers? Are you familiar with “non-traditional” programs such as Fulbright, Boren, Bosch, Brochard, and others? Hear from counselors who are directing students to these programs and helping them craft successful applications. We’ll also discuss PMF and how to make the most of the ever-changing program. Explore how these programs might help you identify more opportunities for post-graduate employment.

Behavioral Interviewing: How to Prepare Students and Evaluate Their Responses

“Tell me about a time when . . .” Sound familiar? More and more employers in the public sector are incorporating behavioral interviewing questions and metrics into their recruiting process. Our program will explore unique and successful ways to prepare students to face these questions and tips for evaluating their responses and provide helpful feedback so they “ace” the interview.

Best Practices for Law Student Pro Bono: the CLEA Chapter & More
 Our leading public and private institutions are accepting increased responsibility for helping people participate in pro bono service. Law schools are part of this movement, recognizing their role as leaders in their communities, relying on pro bono to teach students about the professional obligation to increase access to justice, and teaching students important skills through pro bono experiences. What are the emerging best practices to accomplish these goals? How should schools administer and supervise their pro bono programs? How can they guide the development of programs to increase their impact? And what can schools do to replicate pro bono initiatives that are especially successful? Join us for a conversation with two of the editors that prepared a chapter on Law Student Pro Bono in Clinical Legal Education Association's upcoming best practices book, and talk with leaders of an organization in DC that works closely with student pro bono groups.

4:30 - 4:45 pm

Break

4:45 - 6:00 pm

Recruiter Reception: The Bustling DC Nonprofit Community. We'll close this year's Mini-Conference with an employer reception! Mix, mingle, and network with representatives from a broad array of nationally recognized nonprofit law offices, government agencies and leading policy organizations.



Mini-Conference Registration Fees

NALP/PSJD Mini Conference	\$85.00
NALP/PSJD Mini Conference & Public Interest Advising 101	\$100.00