

# SECTION VI

## *Job Fairs*

# **JOB FAIRS**

Widener University Delaware Law School participates in and co-sponsors a number of job fairs throughout the year. These job fairs present students with the opportunity to interview with multiple employers at a given date and location. The format of the individual job fairs generally remains consistent from year to year.

Attached is an alphabetical listing along with a brief description of the various job fairs in which Widener University Delaware Law School participates. Most of the job fairs occur on a regular basis throughout the calendar year; therefore, many of the application deadlines fall around the same time each year.

**PLEASE LOOK FOR UPDATED DEADLINE DATES AS PUBLISHED BY THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OR ON JOB FAIR WEBSITES.**

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL**  
**LISTING OF JOB FAIRS**

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Section of Litigation –  
JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

This program is a full-time, six week minimum, summer internship program open to all first or second year minority or financially disadvantaged law students interested in engaging in legal research and writing for state or federal judges in: Illinois, Texas, Washington, D.C., Miami, FL, Phoenix, AZ and California. For more information, see <https://www.americanbar.org/groups/litigation/committees/jiop/program/>

**DELAWARE MINORITY JOB FAIR - For Second & Third Year Students – Late July**

The Delaware Minority Job Fair is sponsored each year by the Delaware State Bar Association and a group of legal employers interested in increasing diversity in the Delaware legal and business communities. Students submit application materials directly to the Delaware Minority Job Fair Committee. Participation in the Job Fair is by invitation only and is based on the selection process of the participating legal employers. The job fair is hosted at Widener University Delaware Law School. Applications for the second & third year job fair are usually due in the late spring.

**EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS – October**

The Equal Justice Works Conference offers a unique opportunity for law students and graduates to meet with public interest employers from across the country at a single location. This well renowned job fair is held each fall, usually in October. The format of this job fair is unique in that the event offers pre-scheduled invitation-only individual interviews as well as informal “Table Talk Sessions.” During the Table Talk Sessions, participants have the opportunity to ask questions of employers and receive information regarding the employers’ programs and hiring needs. For more information on participating employers, hiring criteria and contact information, etc., see <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/conference-and-career-fair/about/>

**GPALS PHILADELPHIA JOB FAIR – September**

Sponsored by the nine (9) Greater Philadelphia Area Law Schools (GPALS), Widener University Delaware Law, Commonwealth Law School, Penn, Villanova, Temple, Penn State, Penn State-Dickinson, Rutgers and Drexel, and held at Temple Law School’s Center City campus, the GPALS Philadelphia job fair provides an opportunity for students of these schools to interview with firms and legal organizations in and out of the region. Student applications are due in mid-

July/early August through a special Symplicity website and the job fair is held in September each year.

**LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE AND CAREER FAIR** - August

<https://lgbtbar.org/annual/>

The Lavender Law Career Fair provides a space for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students and graduates to meet with representatives of private firms and public organizations from all over the country. The Lavender Law Career Fair takes place in August and deadlines usually fall in the summer. The location of the fair is different every year so consult the web site for further details.

**MID -ATLANTIC BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION JOB FAIR (BLSA)** – Early September

The annual BLSA Job Fair is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Black Law Students Association and is generally held in late August in the Washington, D.C. area. Students submit their application packets online mid to late summer. For more information, check out <https://www.mablsa.org/job-fair.html>

**PATENT LAW INTERVIEW PROGRAM** – August

If you are a second or third year student or a law graduate studying for an LL.M. in Intellectual Property and you have an interest in patent law, and if you have an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or technical science, you may want to consider attending this job fair. This program provides the opportunity for students to interview with patent law firms, as well as law firms, corporations and government agencies with patent law departments.

Registration is online and applications are processed by Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Initial applications to participate usually are due in February. Interview schedules are set and mailed directly to selected students by mid-June. Widener will pay students' registration fees. However, if selected, students must travel to Chicago at their own expense. For more information, please see: <https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/careerservices/patentprogram/>

**PHILADELPHIA AREA DIVERSITY JOB FAIR (PADJF)** – Late July

The Philadelphia Area Diversity Job Fair (PADJF) was created through a partnership of the Legal Recruitment Administrators of Philadelphia (LRAP) and Philadelphia Area Law School Administrators in order to address the issue of minority recruitment in the legal profession. PADJF offers minority students the opportunity to meet with large law firms, major

corporations, public interest organizations, the judiciary and federal, state and local government agencies. For more information, check out: [www.padjf.org](http://www.padjf.org).

### **PHILADELPHIA DIVERSITY LAW GROUP (PDLG)** – January

<https://pdlg.net/>

The PDLG First-Year Summer Program (the "PDLG Program") offers first-year students from participating area law schools an additional route to summer employment in outstanding law firms and corporate law departments. Application through this program will not preclude a student from otherwise seeking or accepting a job at any participating organization or preclude the organization hiring the student outside of the program. The PDLG Program is designed to identify first year law students (1RDs and 2EDs) who have overcome obstacles in pursuing a legal career or come from disadvantaged backgrounds or from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the Philadelphia legal community and who have the ability to succeed in the summer programs run by our member organizations. The PDLG hopes this program will enable a group of those students to obtain summer clerkships in Philadelphia and thus allow them to experience the corporate law environment in Philadelphia and, perhaps, help them "kick-start" their legal careers." Applications are due in January.

### **PUBLIC INTEREST/PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR (PIPS)** – Late January

The Consortium of Greater Philadelphia Area Law Schools (GPALS) sponsors an annual Public Interest/Public Service Career Fair. This career fair is usually held in late January at Temple Law School's Center City campus in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Students who participate in this career fair have the opportunity to meet with representatives of public interest and public service organizations to discuss career opportunities. Individual interview sessions are scheduled in 15-30 minute increments throughout the day. You will receive further information about this job fair in your law school e-mail in November. Applications are usually due in early January.