

Things to Know Your First Year

Your law school experience will include professional development, building career skills, and gaining leadership and work experience. Your CDO is here to help.

The Basics:

- Register through your online career-development system, [McGeorgeCareersOnline](#) (MCO), and be sure to enter your practice area preferences. The CDO will send you notices specifically tailored to these preferences.
- Review the CDO [Career Map](#) in conjunction with your [1L Timeline](#). These two documents will help you understand your career-planning options and priorities during your three or four years at McGeorge.
- Go to go.mcgeorge.edu/cdo for career-planning resources, including handouts, a list of job-search websites, and more.
- Start thinking about the various practice areas that you may enter by exploring the [Practice Areas Pathways](#) section of the CDO webpage.

Programs to Attend:

- PI/PS Day at Hastings Law School (San Francisco).
- McGeorge Public Interest Career Night.
- Attend the CDO's Spring "OCI and Beyond" information session to find out about our On-Campus Interview Program, which starts the summer before your 2L year.

Opportunities to Consider—Ask Your Career Advisor About These:

- SCBA Diversity Fellowship (summer associate opportunities with local law firms).
- Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships.
- Post-Graduate Fellowships.
- Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Scholarship
- Consider applying for a PLSS grant or other scholarships through McGeorge.

Ways to Get Legal Experience During Law School:

- Summer internships.
- Pro Bono Project: Get involved in short-term or long-term legal volunteer projects. See www.lawstudentprobono.org.
- On-campus clinics (generally available starting your second year).
- Externships through the Field Placement Office (generally available starting your second year).

Networking Opportunities:

- Consider joining the American Bar Association (ABA) and/or the Sacramento County Bar Association (SCBA).
- Find a mentor on the CDO's [Alumni Mentor Network](#) on MCO.
- Consider joining student groups on campus.
- Learn about McGeorge certificate programs and concentrations.