

Things to Know Your Third Year

Even if you don't know exactly what kind of law you want to practice, be prepared to articulate to prospective employers your goals, skills and experience.

The Basics:

- Update your practice area preferences on your online career-development system, [McGeorgeCareersOnline](#) (MCO).
- Review the CDO [Career Map](#) in conjunction with your [3L Timeline](#). These two documents will help you understand your career-planning options and priorities during your three or four years at McGeorge.
- Update and review your application documents with a career advisor.
- Go to go.mcgeorge.edu/cdo for career-planning resources, including handouts, a list of job-search websites, and more.

Programs to Attend:

- Participate in our Fall and Spring On-Campus Interview Programs (OCI): Despite popular myth, OCI is NOT solely for the top 10% of the class!
- Attend professional conferences. Apply for travel and registration funding (up to \$150) through the CDO.
- Attend the CDO's "3L Job Search Strategies" workshop to learn about the various methods you should use to find a post-graduate position.
- Attend McGeorge Public Interest Career Night.

Opportunities to Consider—Ask Your Career Advisor About These:

- Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships.
- Post-Graduate Fellowships.

Continue Gaining Legal Experience:

- Pro Bono Project: Get involved in short-term or long-term legal volunteer projects. See www.lawstudentprobono.org.
- On-campus clinics.
- Externships (make sure to ask the Field Placement Office about the Semester in Practice program).

Networking Opportunities:

- Join the American Bar Association (ABA) and/or local bar associations such as the Sacramento County Bar Association (SCBA) or the Capitol City Trial Lawyers Association (CCTLA).
- Find a mentor on the CDO's [Alumni Mentor Network](#) on MCO.
- Begin attending MCLE trainings and Pacific McGeorge Young Alumni Programs in order to strengthen your professional network.