



April 7, 2009

Dear Public Interest Employer:

New York University School of Law would like to invite your organization to participate in the **Public/Private Alliance for Lawyers (PAL) Fair**, a career fair designed to help public interest employers meet NYU School of Law Class of 2009 graduates whose start dates have been deferred. The PAL Fair will take place on **Monday, April 20 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. in Furman Hall, 245 Sullivan Street, New York, NY**. We expect strong attendance from students who have been offered deferral packages (more than 100 to date), as well as from those who may anticipate similar programs at their firms

The Class of 2009 students fall into two categories: those who have a one-year deferral with funding provided by their law firms, and those who may be deferred until January/March 2010 and have living stipends until that time. In both cases, these students seek opportunities that will build their lawyering skills while engaging them in meaningful work. Some students have expressed an interest in relocating to other parts of the country, and this invitation is being extended to organizations nationwide. In addition to students in the Class of 2009 with law firm deferrals, the PAL Fair will be open to a handful of NYU School of Law alumni who have been offered one year furloughs from their law firms to pursue public interest activities.

At the PAL Fair, public interest organizations will staff an information table in order to speak to students about their work, provide sample project assignments, and collect resumes from interested candidates. We are also inviting the pro bono and/or recruiting coordinators from various firms deferring their incoming associates so that you can forge new relationships or build upon the ones that you may have already developed by phone and email. A networking reception for employers and pro bono coordinators will take place immediately following the Fair from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

We hope your organization will be able to send a representative to the PAL Fair. Please RSVP to [law.careers@nyu.edu](mailto:law.careers@nyu.edu) by Monday, April 13 with the subject line "PAL Fair Registration" and complete the form below (you may cut and paste the information below into your reply). Please feel free to circulate this invitation to other organizations in your professional network who could benefit from this program. *Note: Because of a previously scheduled 4:00 meeting for many immigration service providers, we are trying to organize a space for such providers to meet with students on April 20 from 2:00-3:30. Please let us know in your registration email if you are an immigration service provide interested in joining us earlier on April 20 in order to also attend your 4:00 meeting.*

If you are unable to attend the PAL Fair on April 20, you can send materials with specific application information, which we will distribute at the Fair. Or, if you would prefer to advertise opportunities at your organization only to admitted attorneys considering a furlough from their firm, we can post your opportunity on our online job database. In this case, please send an email to [law.careers@nyu.edu](mailto:law.careers@nyu.edu) with the details of your program, the contact information, and the application deadline.

Please direct questions regarding the PAL Fair or the funded public interest opportunities offered by law firms to Clara Solomon, Director, Counseling & Career Development, at 212-998-6077.

\*Meanwhile, the three attorney-counselors at our Public Interest Law Center are continuing to focus their efforts on the "career public interest person"--those who have spent these past three years preparing for a career in public service. We are very pleased that over 60 3L students are devoting themselves to public service careers --a significantly higher percentage than any of our peer schools -- and close to 40 of those have terrific public interest jobs or offers pending! PILC is giving much individual attention to the 25 or so who are still seeking jobs in this challenging market.

Sincerely,

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, our organization would like to participate in the Job Fair for Deferred 2009 Graduates

- Name of Your Organization
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone
- Address
- Website
- Attendee Name(s) (If different from contact person)

Please Indicate:

- Interest in meeting with students for multiple projects/divisions within your organization
- Required application materials beyond resume (i.e., transcript, writing sample, references, etc.)
- Types of projects in which students/grads would become involved (you may include attachments)
- Additional requirements for applicants