

Things to Know Your Second Year

Your second year will include planning for your all-important 2L summer. You may also be focusing on gaining legal experience, increasing your network, and creating a career plan that is tailored specifically to your interests, skills, and expertise.

The Basics:

- Update your practice area preferences on your online career-development system, McGeorgeCareersOnline (MCO).
- Review the CDO [Career Map](#) in conjunction with your [2L 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.

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.
- PI/PS Day at Hastings Law School (San Francisco).
- McGeorge Public Interest Career Night.

Opportunities to Consider—Ask Your Career Advisor About These:

- Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships.
- Post-Graduate Fellowships.
- Washington, D.C. Summer Internship Scholarship.
- Consider government internship programs like the DoJ's Summer Law Intern Program (SLIP) or the Capital Fellows Program.

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.
- 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.