

Remote activity in place of class 5: Career opportunities -- Where do you want to work? *Law office post!*

Grading: This assignment counts as your attendance in class 5 (Tue Feb 11—we will not meet) AND 5 points toward your homework grade.

Due: on our course OpenLab site by the end of Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Objectives: (1) to gain awareness of the wide variety of legal employment opportunities, and begin considering types of law offices in which you might like to work; (2) to begin the process of (hypothetically) applying for a paralegal job through the Resume and Cover Letter assignment.

Gen Ed Student Learning Outcome: Skills—gather information from observation.

Course-Specific Learning Outcomes: Relate paralegal roles, responsibilities, and ethical obligations to delivery of legal services; discuss issues relating to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access with respect to the legal profession.

Task: Select a law office in NYC where you might like to work! Each student should identify a different office. You can choose a private firm (like Constantine Cannon LLP) or a government agency (like a District Attorney's office) or a non-profit legal services provider (like Legal Aid Society) or a public interest advocacy organization (like American Civil Liberties Union) or any other type of employer discussed in textbook ch. 2, pp. 21-25 (available on OpenLab). You can find options by searching the Internet using such terms as "New York City" (or "NYC," etc.) plus areas of law or types of offices that interest you, such as "immigration," "divorce," "criminal defense," "civil rights," "women-owned," "district attorney," "legal aid," etc. ****NOTE!!** The plan is that you will (hypothetically) "apply" to this office for the Resume and Cover Letter assignment!

By the end of the day on Tuesday, February 11, please write a post on OpenLab discussing the office you have chosen. In your post, please include (a) the full name and address (which you'll need for the Cover Letter assignment) plus (b) a few sentences describing the office, and why it interests you, from what you can tell from its website or other sources. (Please identify all sources!) In your description, please include the type of law office it is (like small or large firm, or government, or legal aid, etc.—see ch. 2 pp. 21-25!), the kind of work it does (such as immigration, or criminal defense, or employment, etc.), and why you think you might like to work there. If the office has a website, try to include a link—instructions on including links in your post are in the "How to Post" instructions you received in class, also posted on OpenLab in the "Class notes & materials" tab. The category for your post is "Law office!" We will discuss some of your posts in class!

Have some fun with this! 😊