



WELCOME TO OUR

Fall Newsletter



This year's executive board has 27 students, setting a record for largest board two years in a row! This shows the continued growth and influence of PILP on campus and reflects the growing awareness for public interest law among the student body.

We appreciate all the continued support, and we hope you'll join us this year in our persistent goal of funding students in public interest employment.

— *PILP Executive Board*



32nd Auction Recap

A NIGHT OF MASQUERADE & MYSTERY

The 32nd Annual Auction returned to an in-person format for the first time in three years. Students, faculty, and community members gathered on the Law Campus for a “A Night of Masquerade & Mystery.”

PILP is proud to have raised nearly \$70k which fully funded summer awards to all applicants. Awards were also increased for the first time in seventeen years thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the auction attendees and the hard work of our student volunteers.



Public Interest Week

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PANEL

The PILP Board hosted a week full of events with other student groups to raise awareness about the wide range of opportunities that fall under the public interest umbrella! Pictured here are students at a panel on international environmental law, co-hosted with Students for International Environmental Law (SIEL)!

PILP'S SUMMER 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

NUMBER OF LAW STUDENTS FUNDED BY PILP'S SUMMER AWARDS TO-DATE:
380+

 Morgan Oberman	 West Aron	 John Heisler	 Eliad Dagan
 Serene Mistkawi	 Kelsey Chapman-Sutton	 Kathrine Coonjohn	

This year's award winners worked at ...

- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Oregon Innocence Project
- Metropolitan Public Defender
- Criminal Justice Reform Clinic
- St Andrew's Legal Clinic
- Alaska Dept. of Law
- EPA Office of Regional Counsel

1L Pro Bono Program

MATT BRATEK SHARES EXPERIENCE WITH NEW FIRST-YEAR ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

“Participating in this Program has been an invaluable experience for me as an aspiring advocate, especially given that many of my 1L peers at other law schools have not been afforded access to similar opportunities. This program has given me the chance to familiarize myself with an area of the law in which I had little to no previous knowledge or experience.

I have been able to access, network with, ask questions of, and learn from numerous MPD attorneys who are subject-matter experts in a wide variety of legal topics, such as criminal law, tenants’ rights, and humanitarian immigration relief. All in all, this trailblazing program has allowed me to demystify a bit of the 1L experience, feel more confident about my interest in public interest law, and has provided me with skills and relationships that I will be able to take with me throughout both my educational and professional careers.”

Matt Bratek '26



2023 Kickoff!

Club participation continues to grow, and PILP has organized both on-campus and off-campus student events.

Left: Board members Michael Johnson & West Aron during Student Org Week

Right: Board members Morgan Oberman & Michael Johnson lead a neighborhood canvassing event

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