

BU SCHOOL OF LAW

AUGUST 31, 2026

CAREER DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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MONDAY, AUGUST 31

10:15AM - 11:00AM / Barrister's Hall

Welcome: Check in, pick up your BU Law padfolio, career resources, and enjoy a snack.

11:00AM - 12:35PM / Law Auditorium

Career Development 101: Learn how the CDO can help you, including legal career basics to start your job search, cover letters, writing samples, networking tips & more.

12:35 PM - 12:50 PM

Wellness Break

12:50 PM - 1:50 PM / See Room Assignment

Lunch with your Career Advisor: Grab lunch with your Career Advisor for a casual group discussion.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM / Law Auditorium

From BU Law to Practice : Learn about the shift from studying the law to practicing it from BU Law Alumni.

3:00PM - 4:00PM / Law Auditorium

Finding your First Job, Employer Advice: Learn 1L summer job search tips, hiring timelines & more from employers.

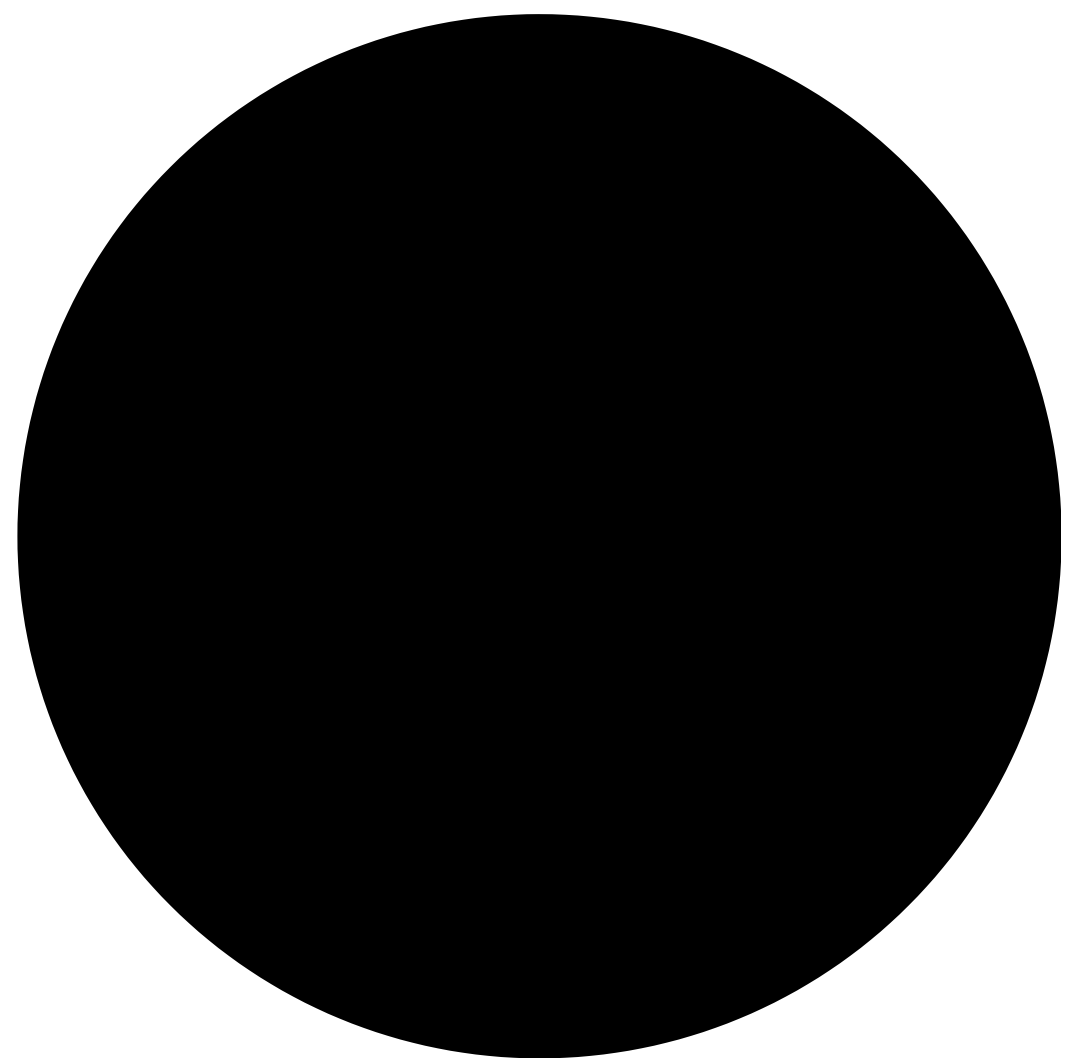
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM / Butler's Atrium, Barrister's Hall, and McCausland Commons

First Impressions Employer Fair: An opportunity to meet legal employers, explore different areas of the law, and learn about potential career opportunities.

***Business Casual Attire is recommended**

****Wear your BU Law name badge**

MEET THE PANELISTS



ALUMNI PANEL

FROM BU LAW TO PRACTICE: ALUMNI CONVERSATION

Quinn Phillips, Esq ('25)

ACLU National Prison Project

Quinn Phillips is a Skadden Fellow at the ACLU National Prison Project. Her fellowship project focuses on challenging youth detention resulting from government failures in the child welfare / family policing systems. Quinn is a graduate of Boston University School of Law, where she was an ASPIRE (Antiracist Scholar for Progress, Innovation, and Racial Equity) Scholar. During law school, she interned for a federal judge in the District of Massachusetts and for the ACLU of Massachusetts. Before law school, Quinn held a variety of roles, including teaching college courses at a medium-security prison and working with a restorative justice organization. Quinn earned her Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College and a master's degree from Tufts University.

Brianna Jordan, Esq. ('24)

Goodwin Proctor LLP

In law school, Brianna was the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Science and Technology Law at Boston University. She also served as the Secretary of the Women of Color Collaborative. During law school, Brianna served as a judicial extern for the Honorable O. Rogeriee Thompson of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Brianna also participated in the pilot class of the Appellate Clinic at Boston University, which provided the opportunity to travel to the United States Supreme Court to view a live oral argument. She also served as a Lawyering Fellow for Boston University's First-Year Legal Writing Program and was a 3L Peer Advisor for the Private Sector in the Career Development & Public Service Office. Brianna was an SEO Law Fellow at Goodwin in 2021, a Diversity Fellow in 2022, and a Summer Associate in 2023.

Sam Burgess, Esq. ('20)

Troutman Pepper Locke

Sam focuses his practice on public finance, serving as bond counsel to states, municipalities, and special purpose districts in Massachusetts and throughout New England. He assists clients with the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt debt. Before joining the firm, Sam worked on public company mergers and acquisitions at a global law firm in Boston. He also served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Paul C. Thissen of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Prasanna Rajasekaran, Esq. ('23)

City of Malden, Rajasekaran Law LLC

Prasanna Rajasekaran is a 2023 BU Law graduate. He currently works part time as an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Malden and has a solo criminal defense and employment law practice. After law school, he clerked at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court for Justice Dalila Wendlandt.



EMPLOYER PANEL

EMPLOYERS' INSIDER TIPS FOR JOB SEARCH SUCCESS

Heejin Choi, Esq.

Foley Hoag LLP

Heejin Choi has been at Foley Hoag for 5 years, where she is currently the Associate Director of Legal Recruiting. Heejin graduated from Harvard Law School in 2014, after which she began her career as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb's New York office. Prior to working at Foley Hoag, Heejin had the privilege of advising the incredible students at BU Law while working at the CDO.

Jamie C. Whitney, Esq. ('94)

State Street

Jamie Whitney has worked at State Street for 23 years and is a Senior Vice President and head of the legal team that supports State Street's fintech business known as "Alpha" and coordinates the legal support of Wealth Services. He previously held a variety of roles that included the management of the legal support of State Street's largest clients, real estate, IT and procurement and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to his roles at State Street, Jamie was a senior associate at Goodwin Procter. Jamie has participated in numerous efforts to advance inclusion and diversity at State Street and within the greater Boston legal community. Jamie is a co-founder of the Boston University "In Real Law" program, which provides substantive programming as well as opportunities for law students of color to network with attorneys of color in various practices. He is also passionate about helping children with special needs and is the Vice Chair of the Italian Home for Children. Jamie received his JD from Boston University Law School where he graduated cum laude and is an active member of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association. Jamie was a Joseph Tauro Distinguished Scholar and served as the Executive Editor of Student Publications of the Annual Review of Banking Law. He received his BA in Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Jamie has two sons and enjoys playing tennis and working out.

Kevin Ruderman, J.D., M.Ed., SHRM-SCP

Committee for Public Counsel Services

Kevin S. Ruderman is the Recruiting & Hiring Manager at the Committee for Public Counsel Services. Prior to his current position he was a Legal Training Attorney for three years in the Criminal Defense Training Unit of CPCS and started his career as a public defender in 2007 as a Trial Attorney in the Boston Trial Office. He is a 2007 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, a graduate of the National Criminal Defense College, and holds a Master's in Education in Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education from the University of Delaware.

Maggi Farrell, Esq.

Massachusetts Appeals Court

Maggi Farrell is an administrative attorney at the Massachusetts Appeals Court, where she also manages the law clerks and interns. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University. After graduating from law school, Maggi spent several years clerking for one of the judges on the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, one of two intermediate appellate courts in that state. She then moved to Boston where she served as the law clerk for Associate Justice Francis Spina. After he was elevated to the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC), Maggi spent several more years at the Appeals Court, working as a law clerk for Associate Justice Joseph Grasso and as a staff attorney. She subsequently joined Justice Spina at the SJC and was his career law clerk for 14 years. Upon his retirement, Maggi returned to the Appeals Court.



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2026 First Impressions Fair Employer List

Boston Bar Association	Massachusetts Peace Officer
Boston Children's Hospital	Standards and Training
Bluewave Solar	(POST) Commission
Chinitz Law LLC	Massachusetts State Ethics
Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick	Commission
Choate Hall & Stewart LLP	Massachusetts Superior Court
Committee for Public Counsel	MBA's Young Lawyers Division
Services	Middlesex District Attorney's
Converse	Office
Cooley LLP	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris,
Court Service Centers	Glovsky and Popeo PC
Dechert LLP	Morrison & Foerster LLP
Foley & Lardner LLP	Ocean State Job Lot
Foley Hoag LLP	Paul Hastings LLP
Freshfields US LLP	Proskauer Rose LLP
Goodwin Procter LLP	Rappaport Center for Law and
Goulston & Storrs PC	Public Policy
Greenberg Traurig LLP	Ropes & Gray LLP
Holland & Knight LLP	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Judicial Clerkship Alumni	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher
Kirkland & Ellis LLP	& Flom LLP
K&L Gates	State Street
Latham & Watkins LLP	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP
Massachusetts Advocates for	United States Army Judge
Children	Advocate General's Corps
Massachusetts Office of the	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich
Attorney General	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks PC