

how they built their practice. These are small steps that will allow you to build your networking sheet over time.

Pursue Passions but Be Flexible

So you have decided you want to pursue an intellectual property or a public service career, wherever that might take you. "Be focused, but flexible," said William Penn, director of public interest law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. "Geographic flexibility will depend on your interests too. If you want to be a public defender, applying across the country makes sense, and you should plan to attend the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair.

If you're focused on policy options, focusing on fellowships and government options, and utilizing the Public Service Jobs Directory site with your career advisor, it creates a slightly different focus." Make sure to look deep in the [bar admissions rules](#) for different states too, since many allow different kinds of public interest attorneys to practice there once you have passed the bar elsewhere. For public sector careers, Penn said, "Geographic flexibility should include a willingness to look at small towns and rural areas where need can be great and application pools can be smaller." [Turn to page 26 for more on job opportunities in rural areas.]

Have a Plan

A geographically remote job search takes diligence and dedication. You may have to explain where your law school is located, and you should always be ready to talk about your law school's strengths and how you have [taken advantage of them](#). With a plan, flexibility, and determination, these job searches will be successful. Good luck!

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