

**Institute for Justice's
Law Student Conference
Saturday, June 4th – Sunday, June 5th**

***Friday, June 3rd:** *IJ Headquarters, 901 North Glebe Road Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22203*

**Optional depending on travel plans*

3:00 – 4:30 PM Attendee Arrival & Hotel Check-In

6:00 – 8:00 PM Welcome Reception & Opening Remarks
Scott Bullock, President and General Counsel

Saturday, June 4th: *Headquarters, 901 North Glebe Road Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22203*

8:15 – 8:45 AM Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 8:55 AM Student & Speaker Introductions

8:55 – 9:25 AM History of Public Interest Law & IJ's Contribution

To kick off the day, IJ attorneys will trace the history and evolution of public interest litigation, including IJ's contributions and how young lawyers have made a big impact in that work.

9:25 – 10:35 AM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Property Rights

Why can't the government just take all your stuff? IJ attorneys will discuss IJ's work explaining the answer to this question (a question that still baffles many government officials) in the context of eminent domain, civil forfeiture, the Fourth Amendment, and beyond.

10:35 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:35 AM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Free Speech

The Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment is one of the most litigated provisions in the Constitution, and there are way more potential First Amendment cases than any one group could ever possibly litigate. How does IJ decide which cases are worth our time and energy? We focus on valuable categories of speech that have the greatest potential to educate, inform, and persuade. IJ attorneys will discuss our current casework, highlighting how our cutting-edge legal theories are promoting free speech across the country.

11:35 – 12:30 PM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Economic Liberty

The American Dream turns on the idea that we are all free to work, that anyone with a good idea and a lot of elbow grease can climb the economic ladder by giving people what they want. But that Dream is under attack, with the government enacting and enforcing arbitrary and burdensome restrictions too often meant to shield entrenched businesses from new competitors. IJ attorneys will identify some of the worst threats to economic liberty IJ has encountered, and how IJ has fought back to empower not just its clients, but all Americans.

12:30 – 1:45 PM Lunch & Group Photo

1:45 – 2:45 PM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Educational Choice
IJ litigates educational choice cases all over the country. An IJ attorney will give an overview of our current litigation and the kinds of programs we defend, highlight the real-world implications of this important work, and preview the issues we see on the horizon for upcoming educational choice programs.

2:45 – 3:25 PM IJ's Newest Projects: Project on Immunity and Accountability
IJ's Project on Immunity and Accountability is devoted to a simple idea: If we the people must follow the law, our government must follow the Constitution. An IJ attorney will walk you through IJ's efforts to hold government officials accountable.

3:25 – 3:35 PM Break

3:35 – 4:15 PM IJ Question & Answer
Scott Bullock, President and General Counsel
Dana Berliner, Senior Vice President and Litigation Director

4:15 – 7:00 PM Break until Dinner Cruise

7:00 – 10:00 PM Dinner Cruise on the Potomac River

Sunday, June 5th: Headquarters, 901 North Glebe Road Suite 900 Arlington, VA 22203

8:15 – 8:45 AM Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:45 AM Short Circuit Live Recording!

9:45 – 10:35 AM IJ Communication Strategies: Advocating in the Court of Public Opinion
Our award-winning communications team will share our strategies for working with the media to litigate cases in the court of public opinion.

10:35 – 10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 11:55 AM Public Interest Law: Advancing a Legal Strategy in the Real World
Now that you have the foundation down, we will teach you what it takes to change the law—from putting together your first case to strategically developing a string of cases to create a circuit split and hopefully convincing the Supreme Court to accept review. You will learn how to find cases and clients, advance cutting-edge legal doctrines, and how—whether or not we win in court—we can achieve real-world results that help everyday Americans enjoy more freedom.

11:55 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 PM Your Turn: Crafting a Case in Real Time
In this session, you will take what you learned and apply it to a potential IJ case. Our IJ attorneys will lead an IJ “litigation discussion” just like the ones IJ attorneys have each month to vet potential cases. We will provide you with a memo to review a week prior to the event which will lay out the facts of the case.

2:00 – 3:00 PM Your Turn: Writing in Public Interest Law

In this session, we will talk about what makes writing in public interest law different. Then we will use the mock case we discussed to roll up our sleeves and craft an introduction paragraph for our complaint.

3:00 – 3:30 PM Your Turn: Crafting a Media Strategy

In this session, you will work with other students to craft a media strategy for the case we discussed in the earlier session.

3:30 – 3:40 PM Break

3:40 – 4:40 PM Client Panel

To wrap up the day, we'll hear directly from IJ clients.

4:40 – 6:00 PM Dinner and Final Address