

**Institute for Justice's
Law Student Conference
Saturday, June 3rd – Sunday, June 4th**

***Friday, June 2nd:** *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

5:00 – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception & Opening Remarks
Scott Bullock, President and General Counsel

Saturday, June 3rd: *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 – 9:30 AM History of Public Interest Law & IJ's Contribution
To kick off the day, we'll 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.

9:30 – 10:35 AM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Property Rights
Why can't the government just take all your stuff? We'll 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. We'll discuss our current casework, highlighting how our cutting-edge legal theories are promoting free speech across the country.

11:35 – 11:45 AM Break

11:45 – 12:30 PM Deep Dive: First Amendment Retaliation
The First Amendment is the foundation of our free and democratic society. By protecting Americans' rights to speak on political issues, to petition their government, and to question their elected officials, it holds the government to account and allows voters to make informed choices. But those rights are meaningless if government officials can retaliate against people who speak out against them. This session will provide the foundation for our practical skill application sessions later in the program.

12:30 – 1:35 PM Lunch & Group Photo

1:35 – 2:30 PM Public Interest Law: Advancing a Legal Strategy in the Real World

Now that you have the foundation down, we'll 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.

2:30 – 2:35 PM Break

2:35 – 3:15 PM Your Turn: Crafting a Case in Real Time

In this session, you'll take what you learned and apply it to a potential First Amendment Retaliation case. An IJ Attorney, will lead an IJ "litigation discussion" just like the ones we have each month to vet potential cases. Event participants will receive the memo a week in advance to review the facts of the case.

3:15 – 3:25 PM Break

3:25 – 4:15 PM IJ Question & Answer

Scott Bullock, President and General Counsel
Dana Berliner, Senior Vice President and Litigation Director
Moderated by Kat Wrench, Student Programs Coordinator and Legal Recruiter

4:15 – 6:00 PM Break until Dinner Cruise

6:00 – 7:00 PM Boarding: Dinner Cruise

Pier 4: 580 Water Street, SW Washington DC

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

Sunday, June 4th: *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

IJ's Vice President of Communications 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 – 11:35 AM 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.

11:35 – 11:40 AM Break

11:40 – 12:30 PM Project Highlight: 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. In this session, IJ Attorneys will walk you through IJ's efforts to hold government officials accountable.

12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 2:20 PM IJ's Principles and Pillars: Educational Choice

IJ litigates educational choice cases all over the country. We'll give you 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.

2:30 – 2:40 PM Break

2:40 – 3:55 PM Practical Skills Break Out Sessions:

Your Turn: Crafting a Discovery Strategy

In this session, you'll develop a discovery strategy for the case we discussed in the "Crafting a Case in Real Time" session.

Your Turn: Crafting a Media Strategy

In this session, you'll work with IJ's Vice President of Communications to craft a media strategy for the case we discussed in the earlier session.

3:55 – 4:05 PM Break

4:05 – 5:05 PM Client Panel and Final Address

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

5:05 – 6:00 PM Dinner