

## *Starting Your Career in....*

### *City Hall or on Beacon Hill*

1. **Tailor your academic work: take courses such as Administrative Law, Mediation, Negotiations, Legislation, Law & Economics, Law & Public Policy, Municipal Law, Public Sector Labor & Employment**
2. **Revise your resume to focus on relevant experience:**
  - a. **Volunteer experience (campaigns, town/city committees, any other volunteer work)**
  - b. **Previous work experience (government internships, any related positions)**
3. **Learn the market! Check out these websites to learn the MA legislature and Boston offices and departments.**
  - [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), click on “your government”, click on “state agencies”
  - [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), click on “your government”, click on “find a job with the commonwealth”
  - [state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm](http://state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm) for detailed information including a list of all legislative committees
  - [cityofboston.gov/jobs](http://cityofboston.gov/jobs) for a list of open positions
  - [cityofboston.gov](http://cityofboston.gov) for detailed information including a list of offices and departments in the city
4. **Participate in a government internship or clinic during the school year.**
5. ***Volunteer* for a campaign, in a state senator or state rep’s office, anywhere for the city or state government!**
6. **Work part-time during the school year for a local or state office. Listings for paid government positions regularly come in to us: [law.suffolk.edu/career](http://law.suffolk.edu/career)**
7. **Submit resumes to the two government/public interest job fairs.**
8. **Speak with professors who have practiced in this area to learn more about their experience.**
9. **Network! Speak to alumni and others about their careers. Make use of the Alumni Network Register [law.suffolk.edu/career](http://law.suffolk.edu/career) (password SARGENT) and the SULLS Alumni Directory located in the Career Development Office.**
10. **Read *Opportunities in Public Affairs* newsletter in the Career Development Library as well as many other state and local resources.**