Most attorneys are drawn to the law by a sense of idealism, a desire to serve, and a commitment to justice. But not every position in the profession offers equal opportunity to fulfill those aspirations. If you find your work circumstances falling short of your professional ideals, consider the rewards you could realize by putting your time and talents to work on behalf of the public interest.

If you aspire to be an accomplished litigator, what better opportunity to hone those skills and amass a wealth of actual courtroom experience than a tour of duty in a County Attorney or Public Defender's office? If you are called to vindicate the legal rights of marginalized adults and children, legal services nonprofits like New Hampshire Legal Assistance and the Children's Law Center of New Hampshire will afford those opportunities. Pained by the plight of abused and neglected children? The Division of Children and Youth Services welcomes you to join their ranks protecting some of our most vulnerable residents. These few examples only begin to scratch the surface of the meaningful public service and nonprofit sector opportunities that await those willing to serve.

Public service can be hard work, but the immeasurable benefits earned yield dividends for a lifetime. Luminaries of the bench and Bar reflecting on their distinguished professional lives often cite time spent in public service as the most rewarding chapters of storied careers.

Some devote an entire career to public service. Would you consider dedicating even four years -- at the cornerstone or capstone -- of yours? Whether you bring the idealism and energy of an attorney at the inception of his career or the sage counsel and mentorship of one contemplating a gratifying close to hers, you would be well-served to explore the many options allowing you to pair your ideals and aspirations with the public service and nonprofit sector needs waiting to be met.

If, upon reflection, you feel called to serve and find that your passion lies in protecting consumers, combating elder abuse and exploitation, preserving New Hampshire’s environment, defending civil rights, prosecuting the most serious and violent crimes, holding government officers and officials accountable, appearing in court on behalf of the people of your state, or working alongside like-minded public servants, we hope you will take a moment to consider the rewarding opportunities currently available at the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office: https://www.doj.nh.gov/careers/index.htm.