



## Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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## **1Ls & 2Ls: Advice for Having a Successful Summer Clerkship**

The Career Services Office has compiled a group of articles and brochures containing advice and tips on how to have a successful summer clerkship. First and second year students are urged to stop by the Career Services Office sometime before beginning their summer internships to pick up this packet of information, in order to ensure that you "put your best foot forward" this summer, no matter where you are working.

The Practising Law Institute (PLI), the oldest and largest non-profit CLE provider in the country, is holding a free program for law students on **Monday evening June 8th at 5:30pm** in its New York City Conference Center at 810 7th Avenue (between 52nd and 53rd streets) and **via Live Webcast**. PLI's 3rd Annual "**How to Succeed As A Summer Associate**" program will provide law students with a unique opportunity to get practical advice from law firm partners on making the most of their summer associate experience. Those students attending the live program in New York will also have an opportunity to meet the faculty and other summer associates at the post-program cocktail party. Interested students can register for this free program by following one of the links below:

New York City:

[www.pli.edu/product/seminar\\_detail.asp?id=48214&t=RWZ9\\_8CSV1](http://www.pli.edu/product/seminar_detail.asp?id=48214&t=RWZ9_8CSV1)

Live Webcast:

[www.pli.edu/product/webcast\\_detail.asp?id=48215&t=RWZ9\\_8CSV1](http://www.pli.edu/product/webcast_detail.asp?id=48215&t=RWZ9_8CSV1)

Or if they prefer to register by phone they can call PLI's Customer Relations Department at (800) 260-4754. Students with questions can also contact Stacey Greenblatt directly at 212-824-5865 or at [sgreenblatt@pli.edu](mailto:sgreenblatt@pli.edu).

## **1Ls & 2Ls: CSLAP 2009 Fall Semester Clinical Opportunity at the Remington Center**

Community Supervision Legal Assistance Project (CSLAP)

Open to Second and Third Year Students

Five clinical credits (Course # 854/ Section 018)\*\*

Two credit seminar (Course #907) meets Wednesdays 9:55am – 11:55am

Applications Due by **April 29, 2009**

The Community Supervision Legal Assistance Project (CSLAP) is open to 2L and 3L students. CSLAP students, under the supervision of Clinical Professor

Judy Olingy, provide a wide range of legal assistance to clients who are on community supervision through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' Division of Community Corrections. The clinic emphasizes an interdisciplinary and holistic problem-solving approach to client representation. Students work in collaboration with their clients, each other, and other system actors to develop and implement creative solutions to client re-entry problems that often are complex and challenging. Specific areas of assistance can include family law matters, obtaining government disability benefits, issues concerning monetary obligations from court orders, employment concerns, reinstatement of driver's licenses, debt issues and housing concerns.

For interested students, there will be an option to continue enrollment in the Spring 2010 for a limited number of clinical credits.

**To apply:** Send Prof. Olingy an e-mail briefly outlining your reasons for wanting to participate in the project and attach a copy of your resume. Applications are due by April 29, 2009. Prof. Olingy's e-mail address is: [jeolingy@wisc.edu](mailto:jeolingy@wisc.edu). If you would like to speak with Prof. Olingy to learn about CSLAP in greater detail, you can call her at 262-4870. She also can give you the names of students who presently are enrolled. They would be happy to "give you the scoop."

\*\* Please note that one clinical credit equals four hours/week of client work.

## **Off Campus Job Fairs – Dates and Deadlines**

Over the last few weeks, the Career Services Office has been receiving information about a number of Off Campus Job Fairs that will take place this summer or this fall. Information about these Job Fairs will be updated regularly on our website, and you can check for programs and deadlines at:

<http://law.wisc.edu/career/jobfairs.htm>

Two notes on diversity job fairs: 1) If you are in the class year (1L, 2L, etc.) eligible to participate in a job fair and are interested in attending the fair, register and submit an application. Although many "diversity" job fairs target and encourage a specific group of students to participate, many of them will allow other students to participate even if those students aren't members of the targeted group. 2) If there is a job fair you learn about that the school does not currently participate in but that you would like to be able to participate in, email Niles Patel ([nileshpatel@wisc.edu](mailto:nileshpatel@wisc.edu)) with the job fair name and any other details, and we will be happy to investigate whether we can take whatever steps are necessary to enable our students to register for it.

## Reminder to International JD Students on F1 Visas

International JD students in F1 visa status who will be working in the United States during Summer 2009 should make sure they have the proper work authorization. Generally, if you are working off campus for more than 20 hours per week, you will be required to obtain a CPT authorization and sign up for a one-credit directed reading course over the summer. Please contact Nilesh Patel ([nileshpatel@wisc.edu](mailto:nileshpatel@wisc.edu)) in the Career Services Office by April 17th to review your work status and authorization requirements.

## Where Our Students Spend the Summer

If you haven't already done so, please send an email message to [kemcmahan@wisc.edu](mailto:kemcmahan@wisc.edu) to let us know where you will be working this summer. As we've done in prior years, we are compiling a list of "Where Students are Working - Summer 2009" so that students can see which of their classmates will be working in the same city as them, or in the same clinical program or for the same employer. Lists of where students spent the summers of 2007 and 2008 are now viewable on the law school website at [http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/job\\_search.htm](http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/job_search.htm) (scroll down to the very bottom), and when the 2009 list is finalized we will post it there as well. Hard copies of the current 2009 list, which is still quite incomplete, can be picked up in the Career Services Office. Please let us know if the information about you is incorrect.

## Previous Newsletter Notices

### ***3Ls: Loan Repayment Assistance Grant Applications Available!***

If you have secured, or hope to secure, a post-graduate position with a non-profit organization or government agency with an annual salary of \$44,000 or less, you may qualify for a Loan Repayment Assistance Grant. Applications are available in the Career Services Office, and are due by Friday, May 1, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE SECURED A POSITION WITH A NON-PROFIT OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY BY THAT DATE! IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR A LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT, YOU ONLY NEED TO HAVE SECURED A QUALIFYING POSITION BY APRIL 1, 2010.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Davis at [kristindavis@wisc.edu](mailto:kristindavis@wisc.edu).

## ***Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships: Nuts and Bolts Info Sessions***

If you are interested in applying for post-graduate judicial clerkships, Kristin Davis in the Career Services Office will be hosting programming on numerous relevant topics. These information sessions will answer many of your questions about researching judges, creating competitive applications, the timing of applications, and the process of applying generally. In addition to attending these programs, you are also encouraged to make an individual appointment with Kristin, before you leave for the summer, to discuss the specifics of your application strategy.

The following programs will be given twice; you need only attend one, as the programs will cover the same material:

### **Researching Judges and Opportunities**

Tuesday, April 14, 10-11 a.m., Room 5215  
Wednesday, April 15, 3-4 p.m., Room 5240

### **Navigating the On-Line Application Process for Federal Judges**

Tuesday, April 21, 10-11 a.m., Room 3268  
Wednesday, April 22, 3-4 p.m., Room 3268

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin at [kristindavis@wisc.edu](mailto:kristindavis@wisc.edu).

## ***Join the Judicial Clerkship Listserv for Important Announcements on Clerking***

If you will be applying for post-graduate clerkships this summer and fall, please contact Kristin Davis ([kristindavis@wisc.edu](mailto:kristindavis@wisc.edu)) to be added to the judicial clerkship email listserv. As a member of the listserv, you will receive important announcements about programming, opportunities, deadlines, and other information relevant to the clerkship application process.

## ***2009 LexisNexis Prepare to Practice Program - Employment Preparation Classes***

Most employers require or strongly encourage incoming associates and summer law clerks to take advantage of Lexis classes offered at their law schools. Regardless of what you are doing this summer, LexisNexis has a large variety of class topics available to improve your research skills and introduce you to sources and products you may be using this summer. Earn over 1000 Lexis Reward points! Twelve different class topics are currently available to help

you prepare for your summer or post-graduate job. Earn 600 Reward points for first optional class for semester, 600 for the second, and 200 Reward points for additional classes (up to 5). Some highlights include: "Cost Effective Research" -- the most popular and highly-recommended class by employers. There are also "Area of Law" courses in the areas of Labor and Employment; Intellectual Property; Tax; Litigation; Corporate/Securities; and Judicial Clerkships; as well as State Law classes (New York, Illinois, California); as well as Basic and Advanced Certification. Register on your MySchool tab at [www.lexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexis.com/lawschool) Note: If there is a date/time conflict with the class you want, or you are in need of a different topic, schedule an individual session. Simply email [carolyn.bach@lexisnexis.com](mailto:carolyn.bach@lexisnexis.com).

### ***Important Dates for Fall Interviewing Season***

First and second year students should keep in mind the following dates when making summer plans: The Cook County Minority Job Fair will take place in Chicago on Friday, August 21. Our own fall On-Campus Interview Program will begin on Monday, August 24. The DuPont Minority Job Fairs will be held in Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington, Delaware, on August 8th. These and quite a few other off-campus job fairs and recruiting programs that UW Law School students are eligible to register for (including the "Off Campus Recruitment Programs" in NY, DC and LA -- see related article below) are described on our website at <http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/jobfairs.htm> Be sure to pay careful attention to the student registration deadlines!

### ***Fifth Annual IMPACT Career Fair for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities***

Registration is now open for the IMPACT Career Fair for Law Students and Attorneys with Disabilities. This Career Fair will be held on Friday, August 7, 2009, at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA, near Reagan National Airport. It is open to fall 2009 returning law students as well as all law school graduates, nationwide. Students and graduates must register by July 5, 2009, at <http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/impact/studentregistrationintro.cfm>

### ***Resource For Non-Traditional Legal Jobs***

The Career Services Office subscribes to the Non-Traditional Legal Careers Report, published every two weeks, which lists positions for J.D.s in non-law firm settings. Each issue features positions in Business, Education, Government, the Judiciary, Legal

Publishing, Policy, Law Libraries, Public Interest, and International positions. The website address is: <http://www.nontradlegal.com/>. Contact [nileshpatel@wisc.edu](mailto:nileshpatel@wisc.edu) for the username and password.

### ***NALP's 2009 Online Apartment Exchange***

Law students seeking summer housing, and students with housing available for the summer, are invited to participate in NALP's free online 2009 Apartment Exchange. It's easy -- just visit [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The Apartment Exchange will be available until May 15, 2009.