



Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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May and August 2009 Graduates: ABA Law Student Division Health Insurance Available for up to One Year after Graduation

We recently received the following information from the ABA Law Student Division:

Numerous graduating third year law students who are either currently unemployed or on deferred employment have inquired about the availability of health insurance from the ABA Law Student Division. For many of these law student graduates, their current health insurance will expire this summer and without employer health insurance, they will be uninsured for an indefinite period of time. Because health insurance coverage is important, we encourage you to pass along this message to your third year graduating law students.

The ABA Law Student Division health insurance plan with UnitedHealthcare Student Resources (**UHCSR**) offers a health insurance coverage **extension** for up to one year from the student's graduation date **PROVIDED** the student is currently carrying this plan **AND** there is no break (lapse) in coverage between the date of graduation and the first day of this one-year extension.

Graduating law students who are not currently carrying this health insurance coverage with the ABA Law Student Division UHCSR plan may still qualify for the graduate extension by purchasing the last quarter of the health plan **before** graduating. Enrollment in the plan prior to graduation is an **ABSOLUTE** requirement of the carrier. Students may view the health plan benefits at <https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA>

For more information regarding this benefit and a pro-rated premium amount that will provide coverage for 12 months from the date of graduation, students may call UHCSR at 1-800-505-5450.

Two simple steps –

1. This program is offered to ABA Law Student Division members only. If not currently enrolled in the ABA – students may join by calling 800.285.2221 or visiting <http://www.abanet.org/join/>
2. If not currently enrolled in UnitedHealthcare Student Resources – students should sign up now while still a student and **before graduation** for the last quarter (90 days) of the current plan, in order to be eligible for the graduate extension. Eligibility requires being a law student – not a

graduate; being enrolled in an ABA-approved law school and being a member of the ABA. Students enrolling (or already enrolled) must request the graduation extension which will expire one year from the student's graduation date. Please keep in mind that there can be no break in coverage from the original plan and the extension. UHCSR will calculate a pro-rated premium for that graduation extension coverage. For a copy of the plan benefits, please visit <https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA>.

Thank you. The ABA Law Student Division,
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Free Training on Helping People Facing Foreclosures

Students interested in real estate and mortgage/foreclosure issues, especially graduating 3Ls considering doing pro bono work, may want to register for a free training at the State Bar of Wisconsin on April 30th (the day after classes end).

Representing Homeowners in Default and Foreclosure is designed to give you the basic training and skills to join attorneys around the state working to help Wisconsin homeowners in financial distress. This full-day course will cover vital topics such as negotiating loan modifications or other foreclosure prevention solutions; using the new federal "Making Home Affordable" program to refinance; taking advantage of lender-initiated programs; mounting legal defenses and counterclaims; and understanding bankruptcy and foreclosure. The presenters will be two leaders in the field: Catherine M. Doyle, chief staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, and David Leibowitz, founder and partner of LakeLaw.

To register and find out more information, visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/dfvck8>

Several students who plan to register for this program have offered rides to other students who may also want to attend but who need transportation to the State Bar of Wisconsin. Please contact Asst. Dean Jane Heymann if you need a ride to this program

Class Standing Charts Updated

The class standing charts on the Law School website at http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/new_grading_system.htm were updated on April 15 to reflect grades that were entered for fall 2008 courses. As usual, the percentile cutoffs changed only very slightly (by one-hundredth of a point, typically), if at all. Keep in mind that although when you calculate your own GPA you take into account only letter-graded courses, the class standing charts are based on total credits completed, not just credits that affect your GPA.

Registration Deadline for St. Louis Diversity Job Fair is May 1, 2009

The Registration deadline for the St. Louis Diversity Job Fair, open to rising 2Ls and 3Ls, is May 1, 2009. Students must register at: <https://law-sldjf-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

Like many other job fairs this one also uses the sympathy platform and will be familiar for students to use; however, be sure to keep track of the new login and password information. When registering, provide Nilesh Patel's name as the Career Services Office contact.

More information about the Job Fair is at <http://www.stldiversityjobfair.com/index.html> and on the Law School's website at <http://law.wisc.edu/career/jobfairs.htm>.

Scholarship Opportunity – Deadline May 8, 2009

DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar, is offering a Law Student Diversity Scholarship open to rising 2L and 3L African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Rising 2L and 3L female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. The application must be received by DRI by May 8, 2009.

Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: demonstrated academic excellence, service to the legal profession, service to the community, and service to the cause of diversity. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible.

To apply, students must submit: 1) an application form, 2) three recommendations, 3) a cover letter, and 4) an essay of no more than 1,000 words. The application form with more detailed information on all the requirements is available at: www.dri.org/DRI/webdocs/2009_Diversity_Scholarship_Application.pdf

Previous Newsletter Notices

3Ls: Reminder to Graduating 3Ls About Exit Interviews

If you are graduating in May or August 2009, please set up a time for a short Exit Interview meeting with either Asst. Dean Jane Heymann (jhey mann@wisc.edu) or Nilesh Patel (nileshpatel@wisc.edu) by May 8, 2009.

Announcing The Section Of Antitrust Law \$5k Fellowship Award

The American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law is pleased to announce the return of its Fellowship Award for the summer of 2009. The purpose of the Fellowship Award is to defray the housing and living expenses of distinguished law students pursuing unpaid summer employment opportunities within approved government agencies (federal, state, or international) dedicated to the enforcement of antitrust laws, or other institutions whose primary mission is to advance the study of antitrust and competition law. Details and requirements of the program, and copies of the application, are available in the Career Services Office.

New Subscription to Online Version of State and National Trade Association Directories

The Career Services Office recently purchased a subscription to AssociationExecs, the largest and most comprehensive online directory of national and state trade associations. You can search the directory by state, by subject/industry, by membership size, by job function, or by annual meeting dates/places. Contact Asst. Dean Jane Heymann in the Career Services Office at jhey mann@wisc.edu if you would like to receive the username and password that will allow you to get access to this Directory, which can be found at www.associationexecs.com. This is a single-person subscription, so that only one U W Law School student can be logged on at a time. If you are unable to log on, simply try again later.

Wisconsin Alumni Association Career Tools

The Wisconsin Alumni Association (WAA) recently announced that it has packaged a suite of online career tools. Employment Essentials, found at <http://uwalumni.com/employmentessentials>, showcases WAA's unique Badger-to-Badger connections and includes a variety of free career services. Featuring tools for job seekers and employers looking to hire, along with short-term insurance options, financial guidance and more, Employment Essentials offers online resources that alumni throughout the world can access. Law students interested in exploring positions that are not traditional legal jobs may want to register and search the BadgerNet job bank that is part of the Employment Essentials website.

Podcasts & Materials from “Thinking of Hanging Out Your Own Shingle?” & “Client Referral Sources” Panels

The “Thinking of Hanging Out Your Own Shingle?” panel consisted of Amber Lucsay, who practices Criminal Defense; Jeffrey Glazer, who practices Business Law; Tom Watson, who is a Senior Vice President at Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company; and Nerino Petro, who is with the State Bar of Wisconsin’s “Practice 411: Law Office Management Assistance Program.”

- Podcast: http://law.wisc.edu/media/item/carsvc_4_9w.mp3
- Handout WILMIC Law Practice Toolkit For Law Practice – PDF version <http://www.wilmic.com/data/WILMICToolKit.pdf>
- Handout WILMIC Checklist For Opening A Law Practice: <http://tinyurl.com/cx8nrf>
- Handout Practice 411 – Surviving The First Years – PDF Version: <http://tinyurl.com/d2kcw6>
- Handout Practice 411 – Managing Client Communications – PDF Version: <http://tinyurl.com/dxbkjm>
- Nerino Petro’s blog on legal technology, practice management and items of interest to lawyers: <http://www.compjurist.com/>

The “Client Referral Sources” panel consisted of: Deb Smith, WI State Public Defender (SPD), on SPD appointments; Professor Gretchen Viney, on Guardian Ad Litem appointments; David Armstrong, on Judicare appointments (which serves the northern 33 WI Counties and has some Madison area appointments); and Patricia Ruppert, on referrals from the State Bar of Wisconsin’s Legal Referral and Information System.

- Podcast: http://law.wisc.edu/media/item/car_svc32504_11.mp3
Note: only partial recording due to Law Building power failure.
- Links:
 - o Assigned Counsel Division for WI State Public Defender appointments
 - o <http://www.wisspd.org/html/acd/acd.asp>
 - o State Bar of Wisconsin Guardian Ad Litem resources
 - o <http://tinyurl.com/coourw>
 - o State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information System
 - o <http://tinyurl.com/d64p6v>
 - o Judicare’s Panel Attorney enrollment information
 - o <http://tinyurl.com/csc53p>

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

Live Webcast:

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.

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: jeoliny@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 Nilesh Patel (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) 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 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 (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.

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.

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) 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.