



# Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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## **3Ls: Program On Obtaining State Public Defender Appointments; & Other Ways To Earn Money While Looking For A Permanent Job (April 10)**

On **Friday, April 10**, at 11 a.m. in Room 3250, Deb Smith, the attorney in charge of the "private bar, assigned counsel" section of the Wisconsin State Public Defender's office, will talk to May 2009 graduates about what steps they need to take to get on the assigned counsel appointment list. For graduates who plan to stay in Wisconsin and look for permanent jobs here, this can be an excellent way to gain some legal experience and earn some money while continuing the job search. Also at this program, Professor Gretchen Viney will discuss how an attorney goes about becoming qualified to receive guardian ad litem appointments, and an attorney from Judicare will describe how that organization assigns cases to members of the private bar; and a representative of the State Bar of Wisconsin will discuss how it goes about referring clients who contact it to members of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

## **1Ls & 2Ls: Info Session About Fall OCI & Off-Campus Interviewing Programs (April 10)**

At **11 a.m. on Friday, April 10**, in Room 2260, the Career Services Office will present a program to describe how the fall on-campus interviewing program works and to answer students' questions about it, as well as about the three Off-Campus recruitment programs that our students are eligible to participate in (in New York, DC, and Los Angeles) every August. This session is primarily aimed at first-year students, but any 2Ls who did not participate in fall OCI in 2008 and therefore are unfamiliar with the program are welcome to attend as well.

## **Lunch with Lawyers – Appellate Section (April 7)**

Four attorneys from the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin will be here this **Tuesday, April 7**, at 12:15 in Room 5240 to talk to students about their work and to discuss opportunities and the ins and outs of appellate practice. **Please RSVP** if you plan to attend so we can order the appropriate amount of pizza. The speakers will be the Hon. William Eich, former Chief Judge of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District IV; Betty Eberle, Partner, Miner, Barnhill & Galland (President Obama's former firm);

Eric Barber, Attorney, Perkins Coie; and Tom McAdams, Commissioner, Tax Appeals Commission.

**RSVP via email to [nileshpatel@wisc.edu](mailto:nileshpatel@wisc.edu) by 12:00 PM Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## **3Ls: Thinking of Hanging Out a Shingle? (April 9)**

If so, be sure to plan to attend the program on "Starting Your Own Law Practice," which is scheduled for noon in Room 5240 on **Thursday, April 9**. Recent graduates who started their own law firms will talk to current 3Ls about the challenges and rewards of opening one's own law practice, and offer "how to" advice. A representative of WLMIC will discuss how to obtain malpractice insurance; and a representative of the State Bar of Wisconsin Practice Management Initiative will discuss ways in which the State Bar assists new lawyers.

## **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!

## 1Ls & 2Ls: Register Now for Off-Campus Recruitment Programs in Los Angeles, New York & Washington, D.C. in August

Every August, our law school participates, along with the University of Minnesota Law School and the University of Iowa Law School, in Off-Campus Recruitment (OCI) Programs in New York, D.C., and Los Angeles. In 2009, these programs are scheduled for the following dates: West Coast (in Los Angeles) on Friday, August 14; Washington, D.C. on Wednesday August 19; and New York on Friday August 21. If you think you MIGHT want to participate in one or more of these interviewing programs, please send an email message by **April 10** to Kate McMahan at [kemcmahan@wisc.edu](mailto:kemcmahan@wisc.edu), giving her your name, your class year as of Fall 2009 (2L or 3L), your expected graduation date, your wisc.edu email address, and your cell phone number that you will use this summer. Registering does not obligate you to attend any of these programs; it merely enables you to obtain access to the Symplicity site that the Off-Campus Recruitment Programs use so that you can bid and sign up for interviews this summer if you choose to do so.

## Air Force JAG here to Interview on April 10

Capt. Robert Palmer will be here at the Law School on Friday, April 10, to conduct informational interviews of 2Ls and 3Ls who are interested in post-graduation careers with the Air Force JAG. He is meeting with

2Ls as well as 3Ls because many applicants like to apply at the very start of their 3L year, even before fall OCI, and therefore the Air Force meets with those students in the spring to give them all the information they will need. If you are interested in talking to Capt. Palmer when he is here at the Law School on April 10, please go to the "OCI" section of Symplicity, choose the "Air Force JAG Open Sign Up" session from the "Sessions" drop-down menu, click on the button that says "April 10," and you will be taken to a screen that displays all available interview times. Select a time that works for you and click on "Sign Up." Please sign up for the EARLIEST interview time that works for you, and please sign up by April 8. Please also make sure you have a current resume uploaded into the Symplicity system.

## **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.

## **Other Off Campus Job Fairs**

University of Wisconsin Law School students are eligible to participate in many off-campus job fairs and recruitment programs in addition to the New

York, D.C. and West Coast job fairs that are described elsewhere in this newsletter. Information about these other job fairs is added to the Career Services website as we receive it, and interested students should check for programs and deadlines on the Career Services website at: <http://law.wisc.edu/career/jobfairs.htm>

## **Reminder to International JD Students on F1 Visas**

International JD students on 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 1 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.

## **Upcoming Job Deadlines April 6th – April 12th**

Visit [www.law.wisc.edu/career/newsletters/attachments/jobdeadlines040509.xls](http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/newsletters/attachments/jobdeadlines040509.xls) for a spreadsheet of upcoming deadlines for jobs listed in [Symplicity](#) – you must be signed into the University network using your Net-ID to see the spreadsheet. Be sure to check other websites such as [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) and [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com) for other job postings and deadlines. Contact [nileshpatel@wisc.edu](mailto:nileshpatel@wisc.edu) if you have trouble opening the spreadsheet.

## **3Ls: Inexpensive Way to Prepare for the Multistate Bar Exam and the MPRE**

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has just released a second online Multi-state Bar Exam practice examination. This study aid, called the MBE Online Practice Exam 2, joins its earlier release, the MBE-AP, which has now been renamed the MBE Online Practice Exam 1 but is otherwise unchanged. The NCBE has developed these two practice tests in order to make high-quality, authentic MBE test materials available to bar examinees at a nominal cost. Each online practice exam is priced at \$26 for a one-year subscription that allows unlimited use of the online product by the candidate. These study materials are available on the NCBE website, <http://www.ncbex.org>.

In addition, the National Conference of Bar Examiners has also just announced the release of an online Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE) practice examination. This study aid, called the MPRE Online Practice Exam 1 (MPRE-OPE 1) is

available now on the NCBE website, [www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org). It consists of 60 items and is therefore the same length as an actual MPRE. Each online MPRE practice exam is priced at \$24 for a one-year subscription that allows unlimited use of the online product by the candidate. The MPRE-OPE 1 is comprised of questions previously appearing on actual MPREs, and includes annotations that explain the reason that each of the four multiple-choice options is correct or incorrect. (FYI: The next two dates in 2009 when the MPRE will be offered are August 7 and November 7, 2009).