



Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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This Friday (March 27) -- An "Event-Full" Day at the Law School

Three very interesting, important and informative events are scheduled for this coming Friday here at the Law School, which all of you are encouraged to take advantage of:

At 11 a.m. on Friday, March 27 (Room 3260): Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship Information Session

What do judicial clerks do? Why would I want to be a judicial clerk? How would a judicial clerkship fit into my longer term career plans? If you are asking yourself those questions, then come learn more from a group of panelists who are either former judicial clerks, or who have hired judicial clerks. Panelists include:

Professors John Ohnesorge and Steph Tai
Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice
Louis Butler
Mike Van Sicklen, Partner, Foley & Lardner
Eric Barber, Associate, Perkins Coie

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Davis at kristindavis@wisc.edu.

At noon on Friday, March 27 (Room 2260): "A Friend's Guide to Success in Private Practice"

Kristin Ackerman Sperling, a 1998 graduate of the Law School, will be making a presentation to all interested students called "A Friend's Guide to Success in Private Practice." The three main topics of her presentation will be finding opportunity in challenging economic times; creating a high-impact first year; and understanding work-life balance. Kristine is a part-time attorney with the Madison office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, S.C., where she is also a member of the Recruiting Committee. Prior to joining WHD, Kristine practiced for eight years in Chicago at the law firms of Mayer Brown LLP and Latham & Watkins LLP.

From 1 to 4 on Friday, March 27 (Atrium): Madison/Milwaukee Day:

On **Friday, March 27**, a number of Madison and Milwaukee area law firms, most of which recruit here on campus every fall, will be in the **Atrium** from **1 to 4 p.m.** for "Madison/Milwaukee Day." The Career Services Office organizes this and similar events to give students, **particularly 1Ls,**

the chance to familiarize themselves with these employers (mainly large or mid-size law firms) and their practice areas and to meet some of their lawyers, many of whom are our alumni.

Be sure to stop by the Atrium that afternoon to take advantage of this opportunity to introduce yourself to the employer representatives and to get a head start on your job search for next summer. In the current economy, you'd be crazy not to capitalize on every chance to meet and network with lawyers who might be helpful to you. Pizza will be served, but only to students who actually talk to the lawyers!

A similar event, "**Chicago Day**," is scheduled for Friday afternoon **April 3rd.**

Lunch With Lawyers on Wednesday, March 25

On Wednesday, March 25, from 12:20 to 1:20 in Room 5223, members of the State Bar of Wisconsin will present another "Lunch with Lawyers" program, this time on the topic of "Professionalism." This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the norms and expectations of our profession. Come learn: What do judges and clients expect of you? What do other attorneys expect of you? What are the consequences of being viewed as "unprofessional?" Pizza will be served -- if you plan to attend, please RSVP by selecting the "Events" section of Symplicity, then clicking on the "Workshops" tab, then on the "Lunch with Lawyers - Professionalism" link, and then on the "RSVP" button.

Applications for Summer Public Service Fellowships Due This Friday, March 27!

If you submitted your financial aid paperwork for the Summer Public Service Fellowship (SPSF) on or before Friday, March 6, please remember that the deadline for submission of the SPSF application itself is this Friday, March 27, at 4:00 p.m. When you pick up the SPSF application, you must also pick up the accompanying green Fact Sheet, which contains very important information about the application process. After reading the Fact Sheet, if you have further questions about the SPSF, please contact Kristin Davis at kristindavis@wisc.edu.

1Ls & 2Ls: Register Now for Off-Campus Recruitment Programs in Los Angeles, New York and 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 1 to Kate McMahan at 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.

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 above*) 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!

On Friday, April 11, at 11 a.m., the Career Services Office will present an informational program to explain the fall on-campus interviewing process to interested students. The room number for this program will be announced later.

Looking for Relief from Law School Debt?

If so, you might want to check out the UW Student Job Center (<http://jobcenter.wisc.edu>) to see if you can find project/graduate assistant positions in other departments within the University. Many of these positions provide a stipend, tuition remission and insurance. Currently, for example, there is a posting for a half-time graduate assistant in the International Studies Department, beginning July 1, 2009 and extending through June 2010 (with the possibility of renewal). The position is posted at <http://jobcenter.wisc.edu/jobdetail.asp?JobID=44362>. The deadline is Friday, March 27.

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 and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The Apartment Exchange will be available from January 15 until May 15, 2009.

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 for the username and password.

Association for Women Lawyers Foundation 2009 Scholarship Applications

The Association for Women Lawyers, a non-profit, specialty bar association, each year awards scholarships to law students enrolled at Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law School. To be eligible, you must be a woman, in good academic standing, attending law school in Wisconsin in September 2009, and have a Social Security number. Selection criteria for the scholarships include service to others, diversity, compelling financial need, academic achievement, unique life experience or circumstances, and commitment to advancement of women in the profession. Printed information about the scholarships and the application process is available in the Career Services Office.

\$1,000 Prize for Best UW Law School Environmental Law Essay

The Environment Law Section of the Wisconsin State Bar will award a prize of \$1,000 for the best student essay on any topic in Environmental Law. The competition is open to law students currently enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Law School. All environmental essays are welcome, and topics of interest to Wisconsin practitioners are especially encouraged.

Papers should be based on original research. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced, properly documented, and roughly article length (7,500 - 10,000 words excluding notes). Students wishing to enter should deliver three copies of their papers to Professor Stephanie Tai. Deadline for submission is end of business on April 15, 2009.

For further information, contact Professor Tai at tai2@wisc.edu