



## Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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## Applications for Summer Public Service Fellowships Due 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 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](mailto:kristindavis@wisc.edu).

## REMINDER: Summer Program in Germany

If you plan to participate in the Law School's new summer program in Giessen, Germany, it is important that you apply for the program as soon as possible. On March 15, we will determine whether or not there is sufficient student interest to offer the program. Information about the program is available at: [www.law.wisc.edu/newsletter/Announcements/Summer\\_Session\\_in\\_International](http://www.law.wisc.edu/newsletter/Announcements/Summer_Session_in_International)

Please contact Professor Barkan if you have questions.

## 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

## Register Now for Loyola Patent Law Interview Program

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2009 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday, July 30, and Friday, July 31, in Chicago. Last year roughly 150 employers and 1500 law

students from across the country participated in the program. You do not need to be patent bar-eligible to register, but the vast majority of employers participating in the program are seeking patent bar-eligible students. Beginning **Monday, February 23**, students who want to participate in this summer's Loyola Patent Law Interview Program may register online. On that day, a "Register Now" link will appear on the Student Information Page at [www.luc.edu/law/career/Patent\\_Program\\_-\\_Stu.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/Patent_Program_-_Stu.html)

The student registration form is very simple. All students need to enter at this point is some basic contact, school and class year information. Students will also need a credit card to pay the \$35 registration fee online. This simple registration is just the first step in participating in the program. Once students are registered, the program will send them information about how to register in Symplicity, upload their resume, and bid on interviews. The absolute deadline for student registration is **Thursday, March 12**.

If you register for this program but do not receive an email confirmation of your registration, please check your junk mail folder (particularly if you are using a gmail or other non-school email address). If you still cannot find the confirmatory email, please contact an Jane Heymann, who is the Patent Program Liaison in the Career Services Office.

Finally, have received from the administrators a summary of the preferred credentials selected by employers of at last year's program. Interested students may pick up the list in the Career Services Office. The top ten most requested technical backgrounds in 2008 were: Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Computer Science (Engineering); Physics; Chemical Engineering; Chemistry; Computer Engineering; Biochemistry; Biotechnology; and Biology.

## 1Ls & 2Ls: Register Now for 2009 OCI Programs in Washington, D.C., NY & LA

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](mailto:kemcmahan@wisc.edu), giving her your name, your class year as of Fall 2009 (2L or 3L), your expected graduation date, and the email address 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**

In addition to the dates mentioned above for the Off-Campus Recruitment Programs in Washington, DC, New York City, and Los Angeles, 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 and interviews for the UW Fall On-Campus Interview Program will begin on Monday, August 24.**

## **Fulbright Information Sessions**

Dr. Erin Crawley, Fellowships Advisor at the University of Wisconsin's International Institute, will hold information sessions about Fulbright grant programs during the spring semester. It is not too early to begin preparing for Fulbright application deadlines in the fall! Fulbrights are federally-funded grants, and as such have citizenship requirements; to be eligible for the Fulbright (IIE) US Student Program, you must be a US citizen. Information sessions on the Fulbright IIE US Student Program will be held on the following days and times (both sessions are the same):

- **Tuesday, March 3** from 12-1 p.m. in Room 336 Ingraham Hall
- **Thursday, March 26** from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Room 206 Ingraham Hall

If you are interested in the Fulbright programs, but are unable to attend an information session, please contact Dr. Crawley to set up an appointment. She can be reached at [fellow@intl-institute.wisc.edu](mailto:fellow@intl-institute.wisc.edu) or 262-9632.

## **\$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](mailto:tai2@wisc.edu)

## **Student Organizations May Nominate Students for Service Awards**

In May the Law School presents a number of awards to students who have excelled in community service, areas of scholarship and "service to the law school and general community." There are seven cash awards this year in the "service to the law school and general community" category ranging from \$400 to \$750 each.

Student organizations may nominate students for these awards. Nominations must include a short description of the special service of the student and the name of the nominating organization.

**Nominations must be sent to Ruth Roberts at [rrobarts@wisc.edu](mailto:rrobarts@wisc.edu) no later than midnight on Monday, March 16.**

## **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.