

Far-flung alumni: Can you advise students about practice in your area?

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The Office of Career Services has good news to share: the legal job market is showing signs of improvement. After three years of extraordinarily competitive conditions, this upturn will make the job search easier for our current students.

If you are an alum or a friend of the school living in another part of the country or the world, you can be of critical assistance to our current students in three important ways:

1. Encourage your organization to interview University of Wisconsin Law School students.

If your firm or organization hires summer law clerks, or will be hiring third-year students for entry-level positions, please let us know about those opportunities so that our students can apply for them.

We can put you in touch with our students in a variety of ways: by scheduling on-campus interviews; by collecting resumes from interested students and forwarding the group of resumes to you; or by posting a description of your position and advising students to submit

applications directly to you. All of these services are provided free of charge to employers.

2. Offer your knowledge and expertise to students.

The next time you are in Madison, for business or pleasure, please let us know. Students benefit greatly from a practitioner's perspective. If you can spare a few hours while you are here, we would love to arrange for you to make a lunchtime presentation, and/or meet with students who have a particular interest in your practice area or your area of the country.

3. Join our Law Alumni Career Network.

We continue to seek UW Law alumni across the country and around the world who are willing to provide information, advice, and encouragement to law students. There is a particular need for alumni in small- and medium-sized law firms, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations on the East and West Coasts. If you are willing to give a few minutes of your time to chat with a law student when



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By the time you read this, another academic year will be beginning, and the fall recruiting season (which starts earlier and earlier in August every year) will be well under way. From early August until the end of October, many of our students will take advantage of interview opportunities offered by one or more of the ten off-campus job fairs and recruitment programs in which we participate. Many of them will also interview for summer or permanent jobs with employers who come to the Law School to participate in our fall on-campus interview program.

About 40 percent of our students will find their jobs by responding to job postings or by making self-initiated contact with employers.

For more information about the way the Office of Career Services helps match students with employers, see our Web site at www.law.wisc.edu/career/.