

Law School Creates Career Network to Connect Students with Alumni

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The Career Services Office is looking for UW Law alumni across the country and around the world who are willing to provide information, advice, and encouragement to law students engaged in making career decisions. The purpose of the Alumni Career Network is to help UW Law students find out about career options and opportunities, the realities of practicing law, and the legal market in a particular location.

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network will not be asked to provide employment. Students who obtain the names of alums through the Alumni Career Network will be instructed to use the network to ask for information, advice, a critique of an already well-drafted resume, or the names

of others in the field to whom they should speak, and NOT to use it to ask for a job.

Over the years, an informal network of alumni has helped countless students learn about various areas of practice, career options, and job opportunities.

But students are looking for a broader range of alumni.

Although half of our students stay in the upper Midwest after graduation, the other half take jobs in about twenty-five different states and in foreign countries. As a result, it is increasingly important for us to be able to put current students in touch with alumni in cities all over the world, and the Career Services Office is expanding and formalizing the alumni networking program to increase these connections.

The Career Services Office is interested in alumni in all kinds of practices and in all locations, but there is a particular need for alumni on the east and west coasts. Students are interested in both large and small firms, government, nonprofit organizations, and nontraditional jobs in New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, California, Washington, and neighboring areas.

We Need Your Help!

If you are willing to join the UW Law Alumni Career Network and give a few minutes of your time to chat with a law student when contacted, please e-mail Jane Heymann, Director of Career Services, at jheyman@wisc.edu. She will fax or e-mail you a short form to fill out. If you have been a member of the alumni networking program in the past, the Career Services Office will be contacting you to update your information.