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Noteworthy Recent Job Postings

Please pay attention to the Symplicity Job Board, as a number of new, great positions are now posted. For more information on each, please refer to the individual job posting on Symplicity.

1Ls: Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. in Birmingham, AL will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2011. Additionally, recipients will be awarded a six-week, salaried 2L Summer Associate position.

1Ls and 2Ls: The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic, an ex-offender program, is currently looking for a law student to work on ex-offender, elder law and family reconciliation issues this summer as an AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate. The position is in Indianapolis, IN.

3Ls: DePaul University College of Law in Chicago invites applications for an appointment as FedEx/United Airlines Resident Research Fellow in the Institute for 2011-2012. The appointment will take effect on August 1, 2011 and run for one year.

3Ls & LLMs: Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, S.C. in Madison is seeking a motivated, self-starting attorney with up to 4 years of experience. Wheeler is engaged in a diverse legal practice throughout Wisconsin and other states.

How to Interview for a Legal Position

It's never too early to begin preparing for the fall interviewing season! Get tips from an expert. Kirsten Keegan Vasquez, an alum and a principal of Major Lindsay and Africa, a Chicago-based lawyer placement firm, will give you great advice on how to prepare for law firm interviews. This program is scheduled for **Thursday, April 7, at 12:25 in Room 5229**. Lunch will be provided for students who RSVP by noon on April 6.

Susan Blakely Upcoming Presentation

When: April 6, 2011: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

What: Free refreshments, fantastic networking opportunities, and a special forum on topics you don't want to miss!

Who: Featuring a presentation by Susan Smith Blakely, author of "Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know about a Career in the Law"

On April 6, 2011, WLSA and Career Services will be hosting Susan Smith Blakely for a special forum on women in the legal profession. Ms. Blakely is a UW-Madison alumna who went on to graduate from Georgetown Law. In the years since, she has worked in both public and private legal practice, in politics as a Chief of Staff, taught at Georgetown Law, and been published in several academic law journals. In addition, she recently authored a book entitled "Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know about a Career in the Law" seeking to educate young women about both the great benefits and significant challenges facing women in the law (www.bestfriendsatthebar.com).

The tentative agenda for the event is as follows:

6:30 - 7:00 pm: Social mixer - refreshments served, book sales of "Best Friends at the Bar"

7:00 - 7:35 pm: Presentation by Susan Smith Blakely

7:35 - 8:30 pm: Open Q/A and discussion period; opportunity for book signing by Ms. Blakely

There is NO CHARGE for this event. However, attendance will be capped, so RSVP now! To RSVP - email bestfriendsatthebar@gmail.com. Any questions? Email Natalie Hoepfer (Vice-President of Professional Development) at nhoepfer@wisc.edu.

1Ls and 2Ls: Sign up to Attend a Career Services Orientation about Fall On-Campus and Off-Campus Recruiting Programs

On Monday, April 18, and Friday, April 22, the Career Services Office will present two identical orientation sessions for 1Ls and 2Ls who want to participate in our Fall 2011 on-campus interviewing program, or any of the many off-campus job fairs that will be occurring in August. Topics will include deadlines for the various job fairs; when to submit your resume and cover letter for review; when and how to bid for interviews with employers who are participating in our on-campus interviewing program; how and when to apply to legal employers who are not participating in our on-campus interview program; etc.

1Ls must attend one of these sessions if they want to participate in either fall OCI or one of the off-campus recruitment programs. A recording will be available for students who cannot attend due to a class conflict.

The April 18 session is from 12:25 to 1:15 in Room 2260; the April 22nd session is from 2:30 to 3:30 in Room 2260. Please RSVP in Symplicity under "spring CSO Orientation."

3Ls: Sign Up to Attend a Presentation on Financial Aid Options for Graduating Law Students (April 15th)

On April 15th, from 2:30 to 3:30 in RM. 2211, there will be a presentation on financial aid options for graduating 3Ls. The presenter is Mr. Ben Dobner of the Great Lakes Higher Education Council (the loan servicer where many students send their financial aid payments). This presentation is targeted towards graduating law students and will cover loan repayment options and debt management strategies upon graduation. This presentation is also open to 1L and 2L students who are interested in learning more about financial aid.

Please RSVP in Symplicity so we know how many students to expect and bring the right amount of materials. In addition, snacks (Greenbush donuts) will be ordered.

Summer Public Interest Funding Reminder

The second SPSF deadline is almost here! **Thursday, April 7 at NOON is the last day for the submission of Phase 2 of your SPSF application.** (Note: you cannot submit Phase 2 if you did not submit the Phase 1 financial aid materials on time). Late applications will not be accepted.

In addition to applications for the Summer Public Service Fellowship, applications for the Children's Justice Project Fellowship (for summer work that benefits children) and the PILF Scholar Award are available in Career Services and are due on Thursday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.

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

2Ls: Want to Learn More About How to Research Judges for Clerkship Applications?

If so, please come to an informational session, where we will show you how to research judges and how to use the OSCAR system to apply for federal clerkships. **Friday, April 8 from 12:25-1:15 in Room 5229.** If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Davis at kristindavis@wisc.edu.

Interested in Meeting with the Vice President of Programs for the Wilder Foundation?

One of our graduates, Roberta "Bobbi" Cordano, is the Vice President of Programs for the Wilder Foundation, a nonprofit health and human services organization based in St. Paul, MN. The organization offers more than 70 programs and services to help children succeed in school, older adults remain independent, troubled youth and families create healthy futures, and individuals and families maintain long-term, affordable housing.

Ms. Cordano will be in Madison on Wednesday, April 6, and would be happy to schedule brief individual meetings with any law students who would be interested in meeting with her. If you would like to meet with Ms. Cordano on April 6, please contact Jane Heymann at jheyman@wisc.edu by tomorrow (Tuesday, April 5) at 10:00 a.m., and tell her what time you would be available that morning (10:30 and 11:00 am slots are still available).

3Ls: Interested In Starting A Solo Practice?

Attend The State Bar Of Wisconsin's "Considerations for Starting a Law Practice" on April 16th in Pewaukee, WI.

The Law Office Management Section (LOMS) of the State Bar of Wisconsin is pleased to invite you to attend the "Considerations for Starting a Law Practice" seminar. The sessions are designed to help you through the process of planning and starting your own practice. The program will give you information about creating a practice from the ground up: from where you want to locate your office, to what you need in the office, to how to attract clients.

The cost is only \$20 for law students. For more information, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/3r3s8xt>.

Free Job-Search Webinar for Students Interested in Public Service Careers

NALP presents "Destination Public Interest: Landing the Ideal Public Interest Job." This free webinar, designed for 3Ls and recent graduates who are pursuing public interest jobs, offers best practices and concrete tips in the areas of cover letter and resume drafting, as well as interviewing and professional networking. View the webinar at www.nalp.org/destination_public_interest.

- 2010-11 The Music, Media & Entertainment Industry Internship Guide

BARBRI Information

Some reminders about bar exam filing deadlines:

- Students planning on sitting for the Illinois bar exam should note that the filing deadline was Friday, April 1. If you missed this deadline, the final deadline, with significantly higher fees, is Tuesday, May 31.
- For students sitting for the New York bar exam, the application period opened on Friday, April 1 and closes at 11:59 pm on Saturday, April 30. New York does not accept late applications under any circumstances.

Off-campus Job Fairs

In case any of you are already making end-of-summer travel plans, here are the dates of some off-campus job fairs that our "rising" 2L and 3L students are eligible to participate in: August 12: West Coast Job Fair in San Francisco; Cook County Minority Job Fair in Chicago. August 17: DC Off Campus Job Fair in Washington DC. August 19: New York Off Campus Job Fair in New York City.

Are you interested in economic justice issues? Want some hands-on experience?

The Pro Bono Partnership has teamed up with the Wisconsin Labor & Industry Review Commission to bring you a tremendous opportunity helping to prepare hearing summaries for low-income citizens. Learn valuable attorney skills while listening to short hearings on your own schedule. Budget cuts have made it increasingly difficult for low-income individuals to get the legal documents they need to represent themselves *pro se*. You can help them exercise their rights.

Interested? Contact Project Coordinator, Henry Weiner, at hweiner@wisc.edu.

New Additions to the Career Services Library

The following books are new to the Career Services Library:

- 2010 ABA Careers in Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice
- 2010 ABA Careers in Criminal Law

18th Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs

The Saturday, August 6, 2011 job fairs will be hosted by law firms in the DuPont network in Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington. When you submit an application for an invitation, you are submitting an application to all of the legal employers participating in the program.

Registration for the Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington sites will be completed electronically. **The deadline for the receipt of your registration for any of the Job Fairs is Friday, April 15, 2011 midnight EDT** and must include your resume and current law school transcript. For more information on how to apply, please visit Career Services and ask for a flyer on the DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs.

Government Finance Course Available

Interested in learning how state and local governments work, reasons for the growth in government spending, the various sources of revenue that state and local governments can draw upon to fund public services? If so, you may want to consider the following course:

State and Local Government Finance
Public Affairs 891
Masters Level Course
Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs
Fall Semester 2011
Mon. and Wed., 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

For questions, please contact the instructor, Professor Andrew Reschovsky. He can be reached via email at reschovsky@lafollette.wisc.edu.

Apply Now for Midwest Environmental Advocates' Fall 2011 Clinical Program Externship and Seminar

Midwest Environmental Advocates, an independent nonprofit environmental law firm, offers a unique experience for Wisconsin law students to get an in-depth look at all aspects of environmental law practice and nonprofit legal work.

MEA's clinical program includes two parts, the seminar and the externship. MEA's weekly seminars are intended

to provide students with a varied and in-depth look at all aspects of the practice of environmental law. Seminars are taught by a combination of MEA's staff and outside experts, including some non-lawyers, who provide unique perspectives on environmental law.

Applications are being accepted NOW for Fall 2011. The final application deadline is April 15, 2010.

Students are awarded seven credits on a pass/fail basis for the semester, and commit to 315 hours of work, including the seminar. Weekly seminars are analogous to law school seminars and usually include readings. The UW staff contact for the program is Arlen Christenson, Professor Emeritus, UW Law School and Board President, Midwest Environmental Advocates. For more information please visit www.midwestadvocates.org or contact Attorney Miriam Ostrov at mostrov@midwestadvocates.org.

Association for Women Lawyers Foundation 2011 Scholarship Awards

The Association for Women Lawyers (AWL) is a non-profit, specialty bar association organized to:

- Promote the welfare, interests, and professional development of lawyers who are women;
- Promote the legal interests of women generally;
- Maintain the honor and integrity of the legal profession; and
- Advance justice for all individuals.

The Association for Women Lawyers Foundation (AWLF) is the charitable arm of AWL. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to law students enrolled in Marquette University Law School and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Scholarship applicants must satisfy certain requirements.

Scholarship recipients are notified on or after August 1, 2011 of their selection. Scholarship checks are presented to the recipients at AWL's Annual Meeting in September 2011.

An eligible application consists of a current resume, a law school transcript and a cover letter. **All eligible applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on June 30, 2011.**

For more information on these scholarships, please stop by Career Services and pick up a flyer.

ABA Section of Litigation "Good Works" Competition

The ABA Section of Litigation is pleased to announce its Law Student Good Works Competition. This competition has been established to assist the Section of Litigation in identifying its next public service project. Awards will be given to law students through a competitive process, with the first place winner receiving a \$10,000 grant to implement the project, a \$2,500 cash award and a trip to Laguna Beach, CA in June to present the winning project idea to 300 Section of Litigation leaders. The Section of Litigation has a long history of Good Works Projects from judicial internships for minority students and economically disadvantaged law students, to pro bono military justice assistance, to the advancement of children's rights.

More information can be found on the Section's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/abasectionoflitigation. Information is also available in the Career Services Office. **The deadline is April 27, 2011 at 5 p.m.**

April International Career Employment Weekly Now Available

The April 1, 2011 issue of International Career Employment Weekly is now posted on the Web. To access this issue, go to <http://www.internationaljobs.org/current.html> or you may go to the web site at <http://www.internationaljobs.org> and click on "Latest Weekly" to access the latest issues.

For the username and password to access the ICEW, go to <http://law.wisc.edu/career/> and then click on "Passwords, Podcasts and Presentations" under the heading "Popular Quick Links."

LexisNexis Summer Access Program

Summer is around the corner, and so is the LexisNexis Summer Access program. This year's program is better than ever, giving you even more flexibility to use LexisNexis over the summer. There is now an option for "Research Skill Improvement" giving you the opportunity to practice your research skills over the summer.

Register now! Students with educational research needs can register for access over the summer using their current student ID and password from June 1 to August 1.

NOTE: Unsure of your summer plans? Feel free to register for summer access now or any time during the summer.

MAY 2010 GRADUATES: You will need to register for summer access to keep the full menu until August 1st.

Access the tools and support you need to complete your research tasks over the summer. If you have any questions about summer access contact your Account Executive or call LexisNexis Customer Support at 1-800-54-LEXIS (53947).

All Students: Keeping Track of Events and Registration Deadlines for Job Fairs and Scholarships

Over the next few weeks and into the summer months, the Career Services Office will receive lots of information about job fairs in which rising 2Ls and 3Ls can participate. There will also be opportunities for graduating 3Ls to participate in fellowships.

It is critical that students keep track of the registration, application submission and interviewing dates; they come fast and start blending together. And, since these are administered by external groups, the Career Services Office cannot help if you miss a deadline.

Please write the dates down in your calendar as soon as you hear of the events. In addition, deadlines and events are constantly updated on the Career Services website on the "Deadlines" and "Events" tabs. Go to www.law.wisc.edu/career and you will see those tabs at the top of the page.

Upcoming deadlines that will be updated this week (please contact nileshpatel@wisc.edu if you have questions about eligibility or registration) are:

DuPont Minority Job Fair: Registration deadline is Friday, April 15, 2011 at 11:00 PM.

NAPABA-MN Summer Law Fellowship for law students and graduating 3Ls: Application deadline is Friday, April 30.

Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair: Registration opens April 18 and the first deadline (there are multiple steps) is May 31, 2011.

Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair: Registration deadline is July 18, 2011.