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U.S. EPA Summer Honors Law Clerk and Honors Fellowship Program

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) is the chief legal advisor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. OGC attorneys provide counsel to EPA policy makers on legal issues associated with implementing environmental laws, as well as the laws governing the day-to-day operations of a federal agency.

OGC operates a highly competitive, 12-week Summer Honors Program for law clerks who have completed their second year of law school. OGC seeks law clerks with strong academic credentials who have a demonstrated interest in environmental, administrative, government operations, civil rights, or public interest law. All are encouraged to apply.

These positions are paid, and law clerks can expect to gain experience researching and writing about administrative, environmental, and general law issues. Law clerks are also assigned mentors and have opportunities to participate in client meetings, attend field trips, and improve professional skills. For more information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/ogc/summerhonors.htm>.

The Fellowship Program is a competitive two-year fellowship starting in September 2012 that is designed for highly qualified applicants with outstanding academic records who are about to graduate from law school. Information about the fellowship program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ogc/fellowship.htm>.

The application deadlines are August 26, 2011, for the Summer Honors Law Clerk Program and September 23, 2011, for the Honors Fellowship program. In addition to the EPA website, more information about both opportunities can be found on Symplicity.

Off Campus Job Fair Registration Deadlines Approaching

If you want to participate in any of the Off-Campus Interview Programs that our "rising" 2L and 3L students are eligible to participate in (August 12: West Coast Job Fair in San Francisco; August 17: DC Off Campus Job Fair in Washington DC; August 19: New York Off Campus Job Fair in New York City), you must register at <https://law-midwestcali-csm.symplicity.com>, and finish uploading your resumes and cover letters and complete your bidding by 11 p.m. on July 15, 2011. Log into the Midwest Consortium website starting on July 25th to see if you have been invited for an interview and to accept or decline the interview:

<https://law-midwestcali-csm.symplicity.com>.

If you plan to register and participate in the Off-Campus Job Fairs, and would like your materials reviewed by a Career Services advisor, please submit your materials by June 30, 2011.

New Public Interest and Clerkship Advisor

The Career Services Office is pleased to announce that we have hired Trisha Fillbach to take Kristin Davis's place as our Judicial Clerkship and Public Interest Law Advisor. Trisha will be joining us on a 100%-time basis beginning July 1.

Trisha has been Director of Career Development at Drake University Law School in Des Moines since 2005, where she has been responsible for judicial clerkship advising, working with students interested in public service careers, and much more. She attended college at UW-Madison; after graduating from law school in Minneapolis, she clerked for a Minnesota state court judge, then practiced for two years at DeWitt Ross & Stevens here in Madison, and then entered the Career Services field at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu.

We look forward to introducing Trisha to all of you next month.

All Rising 2Ls and 3Ls: Register for the Heartland Diversity Job Fair by June 22, 2011

The Heartland Diversity Job Fair's registration deadline is June 22, 2011. The primary purpose of the HDLJF is to increase the participation of under-represented groups in the practice of law in Kansas City. The program is unique in that employers will only pre-select half of the students, while the other 50% of slots will be filled based on a lottery. In addition, any student can apply to participate in the program. For more information about the job fair, visit: <http://www.heartlanddiversity.org/StudentReg.htm>.

2Ls and 3Ls: Register for the Northwest Minority Job Fair from June 27th through July 22nd

The Northwest Minority Job Fair fosters access to employment opportunities for historically underrepresented persons in the practice of law and provides a networking forum for legal employers and minority law students. The Job Fair is open to all students and will be held on August

27, 2011 at the office of Lane Powell in Seattle, WA. For more information, visit: <http://www.nwmjf.org/faq/>.

Chicago Lawyer Magazine

Students interested in practicing law in Chicago should get in the habit of reading Chicago Lawyer magazine. The Career Services Office subscribes to the magazine, and you are welcome to read hard copies of it in our office, but you can also read many of the articles online at www.chicagolawermagazine.com. The June issue contains an interesting article in which Charles Douglas, chairman of the management committee of Sidley Austin; Michael Morkin, managing partner of the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie; and Bert Krueger, chairman of the management committee of Mayer Brown, considered globalization and its impact on the growth and culture of their firms.

The June issue also contains the magazine's annual survey of the largest law firms in Illinois, which not only charts the number of Illinois and Chicago lawyers, but also those in non-Illinois and non-U.S. offices. That survey is unfortunately not available through the online edition of the magazine, but we have made multiple copies that students can pick up here in the Career Services Office.

Summary of News Articles about the Legal Hiring Market

Each week, the Executive Director of the National Association for Law Placement generates a list of links to recent newspaper, magazine and blog articles about the legal hiring market and about how various sectors of the legal profession are faring. Many of these articles would be of interest to law students and would help you gauge which practice areas are the busiest, which regions of the country are bouncing back from the recession most quickly, what changes are occurring in employers' interviewing and hiring strategies, etc. You can view these articles at <http://www.nalp.org/newsdigest>.

Interpreters Needed

Interpreters are needed at the World Dairy Expo happening October 4-8 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The pay is \$12/hour and individuals who can interpret to and from the following languages are needed: Japanese, German, Spanish, French, Russian, Portuguese. For more information, please see the posting in Symplicity.

August MPRE at the Law School

For those intending to take the August 5th MPRE at the Law School, the regular application deadline (meaning you will pay the least amount if you turn in your application by this date) is June 21. The late application deadline is July 7, but keep in mind that you will end up paying more if you apply after June 21.

NALP E-Guides on E-Professionalism

NALP prepared six e-guides on e-professionalism for law students and has posted them on its website. You can locate these at <http://www.nalp.org/eguides> or you can swing by Career Services and pick up hard copies.

June International Career Employment Weekly Now Available

The June 17, 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."

Boston Lawyers Group Job Fair will not be Held in Washington, D.C. this Year

The Boston Lawyers Group typically hosts a job fair in Boston and in Washington, D.C. each year. However, this year's event will only be held in Boston. Students with ties to the Boston area should consider participating in the program. The event will take place at the Sheraton Boston on August 25, 2011. Registration details are on the group's website: <http://www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com/events/> and the deadline to register is July 8, 2011.

Career Services Facebook Page

The Career Services Office now has a Facebook page where students can receive updates in their Facebook newsfeed about jobs, upcoming deadlines and events and legal industry news. Visit [this link](#) and click on the "Like" button to start receiving updates.