



Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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Noteworthy Recent Job Postings

1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls: The Jeff Scott Olson Law Firm in Madison is seeking a summer law clerk. An interest in civil rights and employment law is required. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

1Ls and 2Ls: Ford Motor Company, Office of the General Counsel (Southeast Michigan), is seeking paid summer interns and offering the opportunity to do substantive legal work that is relevant to the success of the OGC. UW Law students are encouraged to apply. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

1Ls and 2Ls: University of Wisconsin - Office of Administrative Legal Services is looking for a paid summer law clerk to work with attorneys in a variety of areas of higher education law. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

3Ls: Mingo & Yankala, S.C. in Milwaukee is seeking an associate with 0-5 years of experience. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

3Ls: Petit Dommershausen in Menasha, WI is seeking an associate interested in a varied practice. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

3Ls: Cveykus Law Offices in Wausau, WI is seeking 1-2 attorneys to focus primarily on family law/civil law. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

3Ls: Neuberger, Wakeman, Lorenz, Griggs & Sweet in Watertown, WI is seeking an associate attorney for a general practice position with the firm. For more information, please refer to the Symplicity posting.

Upcoming Programs

March 25: From 12:25-1:15 in Room 5229, lawyers from Foley & Lardner, Reinhart Boerner, and Godfrey & Kahn will present advice and tips for **having a successful summer clerkship**. Lunch will be provided for students who RSVP by noon on Thursday, March 24.

March 25: If you are interesting in hanging up a shingle after graduation, you will not want to miss **“Starting a Solo Practice Series - Part II”** on March 25 from 8:30-11:00 am in Room 3250. Among the topics discussed will be how to get clients. Food will be provided.

March 31: The next Lunch with Lawyers event is on Thursday, March 31 from 12:25 - 1:15 in Rm. 5229. The International Law Practice Section will sponsor this event. Pizza will be served - please **RSVP in Symplicity by March 29** so enough food can be ordered.

April 1: From 12:25-1:15 in Room 5229, lawyers from Godfrey & Kahn will talk to students about **how to impress your summer employer with the way you handle your work assignments** -- how to make sure you understand the scope of the project and how much time to devote to it; how to make sure your research is thorough; and how to write a great in-house memorandum and create other impressive work product. Lunch will be provided for students who RSVP by noon on March 31.

2Ls: Interested in a Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship?

If so, please come to an information session on applying for judicial clerkships. We will discuss each component of the application in detail. Pizza will be served. **Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Lubar Commons.**

Please RSVP on Symplicity by NOON on Wednesday, March 23. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Davis at kristindavis@wisc.edu.

Quarles & Brady 1L Reception

Quarles & Brady invites 1Ls to join them for the annual University of Wisconsin first-year law student reception on Tuesday, **March 29th**, 2011, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The reception will be held in Quarles' Madison office, 33 East Main Street, Capital Conference Room. Please take the elevator to the 9th Floor.

RSVP by Monday, March 28th, 2011 to Linda Lamp at linda.lamp@quarles.com. Dress is business casual.

Cooley Diversity Fellowship

First-year law students who demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity in their communities are invited to apply for the fellowships being offered by Cooley LLP. Award recipients will receive a paid Summer Associate position and an award of up to \$15,000 to assist with law school tuition. Award recipients will be announced in Fall 2011 with the Summer Associate position to start following the successful completion of the recipient's 2L year.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications from all law students who meet these eligibility criteria are welcomed:

- A demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity in the community

- Enrolled full-time in an ABA-accredited law school with an anticipated graduation date of 2013 at the time of application
- Not the recipient of a diversity award from another law firm paid between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012
- In order to receive the fellowship, an applicant must participate in and complete the Firm's Summer Associate Program following the applicant's 2L year

- The internship will focus on intellectual property and copyright as relates to creative works shared on the internet.

Creative Commons offers a stipend of \$4,000, if not otherwise covered by grant funding.

The application deadline for Summer 2010 is 11:59 p.m. PST, Friday, March 18, 2011 (during UWLS Spring Break).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Recipients will be selected based on consideration of the following factors:

- Demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity
- Excellent undergraduate and law school academic performance
- Personal achievement
- Leadership ability
- Community service
- Participation in and completion of Cooley's 2012 Summer Associate Program

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications can be submitted online. Applications must include:

- A completed application form
- A personal statement, no longer than 3 double-spaced pages, describing the applicant's demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity
- Current resume
- Law school transcript
- Other graduate program transcript(s)
- Undergraduate transcript
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references

Summer Internship with Creative Commons (1Ls, 2Ls, LLMs)

Creative Commons is seeking a bright, enthusiastic student to work at the international headquarters office for ten weeks this summer.

ELIGIBILITY

- The internship is open to students enrolled in law school, pursuing a JD, LL.B or LL.M. Ph.D candidates in area particularly relevant to CC's work will be considered.
- The internship is open to international students who are eligible to work abroad from an accredited university and/or through a third-party work-study program.

For more information: apply via Symplicity or visit: <https://creativecommons.org/weblog/entry/26735>

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.**

DRI Scholarship

DRI is still accepting applications for our annual Law Student Diversity Scholarship, open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian, Native American and female law students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarship.

To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best demonstrate:

- Academic excellence
- Service to the profession
- Service to the community
- Service to the cause of diversity

Applications must be received by DRI no later than **Wednesday, April 27, 2011**. For complete scholarship details and how to apply, visit the DRI website. Winners will be notified in advance and honored at the DRI Diversity for Success Seminar, June 16 - 17, 2011 in Chicago, Illinois.

2Ls: Joseph P. Mettner Foundation (jPMF) Public Interest Law/Public Service Scholarship

The Joseph P. Mettner Foundation (jPMF) has created the Public Interest Law/Public Service Scholarship to provide financial support for a student's third year at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Scholarship applicants who will complete their second year of law school and clearly demonstrate a commitment to public service, possess strong academic credentials, demonstrate financial need, and plan to pursue a public interest or public service career upon graduate are eligible. The 2011 scholarship shall award \$10,000 to one successful applicant. **The deadline for this scholarship opportunity is May 30, 2011.**

For more information, please visit the following website: <http://www.joemettner.org/index.html>.

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).

Beyond the general themes of her book, Ms. Blakely's presentation at the event will focus on important issues such as how new and future female attorneys can take cooperative approaches to their careers, improve practice conditions, retention rates, and access to the top levels of law firms, and continue to empower one another to take charge of their professional and personal lives. 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

This really does promise to be a wonderful event, and we hope it will see a variety of attendees, from law students to current practitioners to professors and academics. Ms. Blakely herself has extended a personal invitation to the event to Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, who was a contributor to the book, and also former Judge Angela Bartell and several prominent members of the Madison legal community.

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 Hoeper (Vice-President of Professional Development) at nhoeper@wisc.edu.

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.

Lexis-Nexis Prepare to Practice

As you "Prepare to Practice," improve your research skills, and build your resume, attend a LexisNexis class this month. Lexis is offering a wide variety of classes to fit your needs/interests including Professional Research Certification, Job Searching & Interview Prep., Drafting Legal Documents, Lexis for Microsoft Office, Cost Effective, and area of law classes.

REGISTER: at www.lexis.com/lawschool and click on your MySchool tab.

Sweepstakes: One law student (at each school) will receive a complimentary one-year membership to the Student Division of the ABA* plus a \$250 gift card to help with his/her professional wardrobe. From those winners, a total of 50 students will receive the Fast-Track Your Future Grand Prize - a career resource package worth more than \$1,400. Raffle entry earned for every and any class a student attends between Feb. 1st and March 31st. Earn 400-800 reward points per class
Questions: Contact Carolyn.bach@lexisnexus.com

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.

March International Career Employment Weekly Now Available

The March 11, 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."

Class Standing Tables Updated

The class standing tables on the Law School's website have been updated to include Fall 2010 grades. As usual, the GPA cutoffs for the various percentiles changed very, very little, if at all. Students may view the updated tables at http://www.law.wisc.edu/career/new_grading_system.htm.