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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: The Wisconsin State Public Defender in Madison offers a paid summer internship program and is seeking applicants. Students will gain a deep understanding of the nuts and bolts of providing holistic legal care to clients.

1Ls and 2Ls: Maryland Legal Aid, Inc. in Baltimore, MD is accepting applications for paid summer law clerk positions. Law clerks are generally expected to assist with selected functions related to casework, from initial intake through representation of clients at judicial and administrative proceedings.

2Ls: Previant, Goldberg, Uelmen, Gratz, Miller & Brueggeman, S.C., a plaintiffs' personal injury and applicants' workers' comp firm in Milwaukee, seeks one full-time summer law clerk to assist in all aspects of the firm's practice.

2Ls and 3Ls: The Law Firm of Jonathan B. Levine, the leading community association law firm in Wisconsin, is offering immediate employment if you are available, and approximately 30 hours in the summer. The firm is located in Milwaukee.

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.

3Ls: The Law Offices of Ruth I. Major, P.C. in Chicago, IL has a part-time law clerk position available with a small boutique plaintiff's employment law firm. There is a potential for full-time work over the summer.

3Ls: The Patterson Law Firm in Chicago has an associate attorney position open. The firm is looking for someone with 0-5 years of experience.

3Ls: Madden Law Firm, S.C. in Mayville, WI is looking for an associate for a thriving general practice firm.

3Ls: Radcliffe Law Office, S.C. in Black River Falls, WI is looking to add an associate attorney to its general practice.

3Ls: Petit & Dommershausen in Menasha, WI is seeking an associate interested in a varied practice.

3Ls: The Oneida County Circuit Court in Rhinelander, WI is seeking a law clerk to do legal research and opinion writing.

Upcoming Programs

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. Food will be provided - please **RSVP in Symplicity by March 29** at noon so enough food can be ordered. At this point, we have not met minimum expected attendance numbers to hold the event, so RSVP soon to ensure this event is held.

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.

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.

How to Interview for a Legal Position

All students - RSVP now for this great program!

On April 7th, from 12:25 - 1:15 in RM. 5229, Kirsten Keegan Vasquez, a UW Law School alumnus and Managing Director at Major Lindsay Africa, will be at the law school for a presentation on "How to Interview for a Legal Position." Ms. Vasquez is a legal recruiter and she routinely helps attorneys prepare for interviews at law firms. She has direct insight into what works, how candidates sabotage their applications and most importantly, what you need to do to make the best impression possible.

Ms. Vasquez's bio is available here:

http://www.mlaglobal.com/pages/ProfessionalBio.aspx?pa_genname=peo_Kirsten_Vasquez&versionnum=30.

Pizza will be provided at the event. Please RSVP so enough food and presentation materials can be readied. You can RSVP by logging into Symplicity, clicking on the Events tab, then clicking on Workshops, and then selecting "How to Interview for a Legal Position" on April 7th.

Please contact nileshpatel@wisc.edu if you have any questions.

Madison/Milwaukee Day

ILs - Meet Madison/Milwaukee Employers on April 1, from 12:30 - 2:30 in the Atrium.

Each year, the Career Services Office hosts an event with employers from major Midwest markets. One of those events is coming up this Friday, April 1st. The event is an opportunity for first year students to start thinking about the employers they will meet with during fall recruiting and get a chance to talk to attorneys from those firms about their practice areas, what the firm looks for and why they chose to work at that firm.

The following four firms will be in the atrium from 12:30 - 2:30 on April 1st: Foley & Lardner, Michael Best & Friedrich, von Briesen & Roper, and Godfrey & Kahn.

This is a great networking opportunity to meet local attorneys, most of whom are alumni of the law school. The format of the event is "table talk", similar to the law school fairs you might have attended. The event is an opportunity to come up and talk to the representatives and learn about each employer.

Business casual attire is suggested and it's a good idea to have a few copies of your resume ready just in case someone asks you for one.

Please contact Nilesh Patel (nileshpatel@wisc.edu) if you have any questions.

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.

BARBRI Information

With Bar Review courses around the corner, BARBRI has a few updates about our courses:

- The BARBRI payment deadline is on April 1. If you have not yet signed up for a course, stop by the BARBRI table and talk to a student representative about reserving a spot in one of our classes around the country. If you anticipate problems in financing the course, please contact the BARBRI office in the state you are sitting for the bar exam regarding tuition assistance or creating a payment plan. Call Stephanie Goetz at 312.288.4694 if you have questions.

- BARBRI will be handing out Step 1: Early Bar Prep Books at our table Tuesday – Thursday of this week (March 28 – 30). All 3Ls who are studying for a bar exam are welcome to pick up a copy. (Those of you staying in Wisconsin are off the hook!)

And some reminders about bar exam filing deadlines:

- Students planning on sitting for the Illinois bar exam should note that the late filing deadline is Friday, April 1. If you miss 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 opens on Friday, April 1 and closes at 11:59pm 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.

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. Founded in 1999, MEA provides legal representation and organizing assistance to community groups, local governments, and tribal governments working for clean air, clean water, and environmental justice.

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.

MEA's externship provides students with the opportunity to gain practical working knowledge of environmental law, to participate in environmental advocacy and to hone their skills on real issues and cases. Students are involved at all levels of litigation from researching new topics in environmental protection to helping prepare briefs in ongoing litigation. MEA also strives to provide students with the opportunity to see and participate in environmental law in action in court, at public hearings and in the media.

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.

Second Deadline for Summer Public Service Fellowships Fast Approaching

The second SPSF deadline is almost here. **Thursday, April 7 at NOON** is the last day for the submission of your SPSF applications. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you do not have a job offer by April 7, but are still actively seeking qualifying summer public interest employment, please submit your SPSF application by the deadline, with a note listing the names of the employers with which you have outstanding applications and an explanation as to why those employers have not made their decision by the deadline.

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

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.

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.

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.

For more details on the application process, deadlines and eligibility requirements, or to submit an application, please visit www.cooley.com/diversityfellowship.

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.**

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@lexisnexis.com

March International Career Employment Weekly Now Available

The March 25, 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, for the following research needs:

- Class preparation and assignments
- Research associated with moot court, law review, or law journal
- Research associated with pursuing a grant or scholarship
- Service as a paid or unpaid research assistant to a professor
- An internship, externship or clinic position for school credit or graduation requirement
- NEW: Research skill improvement for educational purposes
- Bar Exam preparation

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).