



Student Services Weekly Newsletter

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1Ls & 2Ls: Applications Available for Summer Public Service Fellowships!

Applications for Summer Public Service Fellowships (SPSFs) are now available in the Career Services Office! Applications (and fact sheets) are also available online at

www.law.wisc.edu/publicinterest/summer_funding.htm#SPSF.

SPSFs provide funding for students who work a minimum of 10 weeks/400 hours in unpaid or low paid summer public interest/public service jobs. There are two deadlines associated with the SPSF application. *The first deadline*, Friday, March 6, is for the submission of financial aid paperwork, including your 2009-2010 FAFSA and a copy of your 2008 federal income tax return. *The second deadline*, Friday, March 27, is for the submission of the SPSF application itself. You do not need to have obtained a qualifying public interest position by the first deadline; you do need to have obtained such a position by the second deadline.

When you pick up the SPSF application, you must also pick up the accompanying green Fact Sheet, which contains very important information about the application process. If you have any questions about the SPSF, please contact Kristin Davis at kristindavis@wisc.edu.

Employment in International Organizations: Opportunities and Strategies

On Wednesday, February 25, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 4151 of Grainger Hall (the Business School), Mr. H. Stephen Halloway will discuss the ins and outs of working for international organizations.

Mr. Halloway is Special Advisor to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and serves as a Senior Advisor at the International Law Institute. He was formerly Senior Advisor in the Inter-American Development Bank's Office of External Relations where he had responsibility for Congressional Affairs and Private Sector Outreach related to the IDB group: The Bank, Inter-American Investment Corporation and MIF. He served as Senior Advisor, North-South Trade & Investment Ltd., Edmonton, Canada, representing the company in Washington, D. C. as well as Senior Advisor to the President, Andrade Gutierrez Environmental Group (Brazil). Mr. Halloway was Head of Mission, United Nations Industrial Development Organization at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1990 to 1994 (accorded diplomatic privileges and immunities as Head of Mission).

Register Now for Loyola Patent Law Interview Program

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the **2009 Patent Law Interview Program** on Thursday, July 30, and Friday, July 31, in Chicago. Last year roughly 150 employers and 1500 law students from across the country participated in the program. You do not need to be patent bar eligible to register, but the vast majority of employers participating in the program are seeking patent bar eligible students. Beginning **Monday, February 23**, students who want to participate in this summer's Loyola Patent Law Interview Program may register online. On that day a "Register Now" link will appear on the Student Information Page at

www.luc.edu/law/career/Patent_Program_-_Stu.html

The student registration form is very simple. All students need to enter at this point is some basic contact, school and class year information. Students will also need a credit card to pay the \$35 registration fee to complete their online registration. This simple registration is just the first step in participating in the program. Once students are registered, the Program will send them information about how to register in Symplicity, upload their resume, and bid on interviews. The deadline for student registration is **Thursday, March 12**. You **MUST** register by the deadline.

If you register for this Program but do not receive an email confirmation of your registration, please check your junk mail folder (particularly if you are using a gmail or other non-school email address). If you still can't find the confirmatory email, please contact Asst. Dean Jane Heymann, who is the Patent Program Liaison in the Career Services Office.

Save the Date for the 2009 Cook County Minority Job Fair

The Cook County Bar Association's 26th Annual Minority Law Student Job Fair is scheduled for **August 21, 2009**. In March, detailed information about registration, cost, eligibility, etc. for the Job Fair will be available and will be delivered to all the minority student organizations at the Law School.

MPRE Review Course (Feb 28)

If you are signed up for the Bar/Bri review course for the MPRE, please note that the course is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. in Room 2211

Alternative Legal Research Tool (Fastcase)-Free Webcast

The State Bar of Wisconsin recently signed up with Fastcase to provide legal research for free to State Bar members. Learning how to use Fastcase would be a significant skill that can save your clients and employers money and show that you know how to be economical in your work. The State Bar is offering free webcasts explaining how to take advantage of this member benefit.

Go here to select a time and register (you may need to sign up as a student member of the State Bar of Wisconsin first)

www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=InsideTrack&Template=/CustomSource/InsideTrack/contentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=78044

You can also read an article about Fastcase here:

www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Wisconsin_Lawyer&template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&contentid=76257

Short Article on Wisconsin Job Market

The State Bar of Wisconsin published an article on the health of the Wisconsin job market, with some quick tips on how to approach your job search from Career Services staff at our law school and at Marquette Law School. Read the article at:

www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=InsideTrack&Template=/CustomSource/InsideTrack/contentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=78169

Student Writing Competition on Health Law

Reforming the Nation's Health Care System.
Deadline for submission is March 2, 2009.

<http://cme.kff.org/Key=15469.C3y.C.C.PDZ38L>

KaiserEDU.org is now accepting entries for its Annual Essay Contest, giving undergraduate and graduate students a chance to win a prize of \$1,000 by writing an essay addressing the elements of health reform that President Obama's team should focus on in 2009.

ESSAY TOPIC

President Obama has stated that reforming the health care system is one of his top priorities, and there is broad interest from policymakers and the public in making a change. During the campaign, he outlined a framework for reforming health care. The essay should cover: what elements of his plan should be prioritized given the current economic crisis, what elements are most likely to garner support and which ones will be most challenging and why?

CONTEST DETAILS

* **Eligibility** - Submissions will be accepted from undergraduate and graduate-level students enrolled in a university-based, degree-granting program at the time of submission.

* **Essay length** - Essays must not exceed 1,000 words in length and must be original work, prepared by one author only.

* **Essay submission** - Entries must be submitted online only. No emails will be accepted.

* **Deadline** - All essays must be submitted by March 2, 2009, 5 p.m. EST.

* **Judging** - Graduate and undergraduate entries will be judged separately by a panel of professionals with experience in health policy and politics, including Sheila Burke, Harvard University; Judy Feder, Georgetown University; Dean Rosen, Mehlman Vogal Castagnetti, Inc.; and the Kaiser Family Foundation's Drew Altman and Diane Rowland.

Winners will be notified by May 1, 2009.

For complete contest details, and to submit your essay, visit

<http://www.kaiseredu.org/essaycontest2009>

Free Financial Independence Seminar for UW Students

Students looking to prepare for life, from first-year students to seniors about to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, are invited to get expert financial advice at an exclusive weekend event. The Wisconsin Alumni Student Board (WASB) and Wisconsin School of Business will co-host the annual Financial Independence Seminar on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Grainger Hall, 975 University Ave. Students can pick and choose the sessions they want to attend, staying for half or all of the seminar. Open to all UW-Madison students, participants will receive lunch and dinner coupons and gift cards courtesy of University Square Food Court, and the opportunity to schedule a free 20-minute personal financial consultation with Smith. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, Feb. 25. For more information, go to:

<http://www.news.wisc.edu/16289>

Upcoming Events (Lunch w/Lawyers, City Days, etc)

The Career Services Office is hosting the following events this Spring. **Please RSVP for each event in Symplicity** so we can have enough materials and order the proper amount of food. Go to the Events tab, workshops, and look for each program title.

The State Bar of Wisconsin's "Lunch With Lawyers" programs this semester:

1. Lunch with Lawyers, Litigation Law Section, Friday, *February 27, 2009* in Room 3260 from 12:00 to 1:15. Open to all students.
2. Lunch with Lawyers, Topic to be determined, Wednesday, *March 4, 2009* in Room 2260 from 12:20 – 1:20. Open to all students.
3. What is Professionalism in the Practice of Law – Attorneys discuss the professional norms for lawyers and what is expected of new associates. Wednesday, *March 25, 2009* in Room 5223 from 12:20 to 1:20. Open to all students.

City Days

Table talk with attorneys from legal employers in major Midwest job markets. The events are open to all students but 1Ls are especially encouraged to attend to start learning about the employers who recruit during Fall On Campus Interviewing. At the first such event on March 6, attorneys from Twin City employers, many of whom are UW Law School alumni, will be at the law school to discuss their practices, opportunities at their organizations and the benefits of working in their city

1. Twin Cities Day – Minneapolis & St. Paul area employers. Friday, March 6, 2009 from 12:00 – 3:00 in the Atrium.
2. Madison/Milwaukee Day – Friday, March 27, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00, in the Atrium.
3. Chicago Day – Friday, April 3, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00, in the Atrium.

National LGBT Bar Association Annual Career Fair and Conference

We recently received an announcement that this year's Annual Career Fair and Conference sponsored by the National LGBT Bar Association is scheduled for September 10 through 12, 2009, in Brooklyn, NY. Students interested in learning more about the conference should visit www.lgbtbar.org/annual.

Student Hourly Help Needed

The Global Legal Studies Center of the Law School is seeking a student who can work a few hours a week at the Center. Hours are flexible and the work will involve helping the Associate Director with various events she organizes. It may be possible to pick up some hours at the Institute for Legal Studies as well.

Please apply with a cover letter and your transcript as soon as possible and not later than **February 20, 2009** to:

Sumudu Atapattu
Associate Director
Global Legal Studies Center, 6222 Law
Email: saatapattu@wisc.edu

Please call Sumudu Atapattu at (608) 890 1395 if you have any questions.

3Ls: Interested in Studying for the July 2009 New York Bar Exam in Madison this Summer?

If you plan to sit for the New York state bar exam this summer and would be interested in taking the BarBri New York bar review course here in Madison, please contact Janell Wise at nellocita@gmail.com.

1Ls & 2Ls: Register Now for 2009 OCI Programs in Washington, D.C., NY & LA

Every August, our law school participates, along with the University of Minnesota Law School and the University of Iowa Law School, in Off-Campus Recruitment (OCI) Programs in New York, D.C., and Los Angeles. In 2009, these programs are scheduled for the following dates: **West Coast (in Los Angeles) on Friday, August 14; Washington, D.C. on Wednesday August 19; and New York on Friday August 21.**

If you think you MIGHT want to participate in one or more of these interviewing programs, please send an email message by April 1st to Kate McMahan at kemcmahan@wisc.edu, giving her your name, your class year as of Fall 2009 (2L or 3L), your expected graduation date, and the email address that you will use this summer. Registering does not obligate you to attend any of these programs; it merely enables you to obtain access to the Symplicity site that the Off-Campus Recruitment Programs use so that you can bid and sign up for interviews this summer if you choose to do so.

Alum David Miller to Talk About Practicing in New York City; Using Foreign Languages in One's Law Practice, Etc. (Feb 26)

Our alum David Miller, who will be participating in the "Language for Life" program described above, has offered to talk to interested law students while he is here in Madison on **Thursday, February 26** about working internationally as a lawyer; practicing law in New York City; using his Russian language skills in his law practice, etc. David will be making a presentation at **noon in Room 5240** on that day, and is willing to answer individual students' questions and offer advice and recommendations based on his

personal experiences and what he is seeing in the New York legal market.

"Language for Life" Program of Interest to Law Students (Feb 26)

"Language for Life" is a program of the UW-Madison Language Institute that gives students the opportunity to meet with working professionals who studied a foreign language and are using that language in their professional or personal lives in inspiring ways. On **Thursday, February 26, at 4 p.m.** in the Memorial Union, you can meet professionals who have used their language skills in law careers! Panelists include Carmel Carpati, who serves as Manager for the Court Interpreter Program with the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Director of State Courts; Erik Ibele, a Madison-based attorney with the firm Neider & Boucher who speaks German and Pashtu; and David Miller, a 2000 University of Wisconsin Law School graduate who majored in Russian Studies as an undergraduate. David worked in the Moscow office of a major international law firm (Hogan & Hartson LLP) during and immediately after law school, and subsequently worked in Moscow for another such firm (White & Case LLP), but has been practicing in New York City for the last few years.

3Ls: Inexpensive Way to Prepare for the Multistate Bar Exam

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has just released a second online MBE practice examination. This study aid, called the MBE Online Practice Exam 2, joins its earlier release, the MBE-AP, which has now been renamed the MBE Online Practice Exam 1 but is otherwise unchanged. The NCBE has developed these two practice tests in order to make high-quality, authentic MBE test materials available to bar examinees at a nominal cost. Each online practice exam is priced at \$26 for a one-year subscription that allows unlimited use of the online product by the candidate. These study materials will be available on the NCBE website, <http://www.ncbex.org>, during the week of February 2.