

University of Missouri-Law

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Schedule of Events September and October 2007

Wednesday Sept. 26
Pi Alpha Delta Blood Drive. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Law School lounge area.

Tuesday Oct. 2
Federal Society Speaker. Nick Capaldi will speak on the topic, "Why the Rule of Law is Not Taught in American Law Schools." This event qualifies for general Professional Perspectives credit, and will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Courtroom.

Monday Oct. 8
Judge Lawrence Mooney. The Eastern District Court of Appeals justice will speak at 1 p.m. in Room 7.

Friday Oct. 12
Dispute Resolution Symposium. This symposium is hosted by the Center for Dispute Resolution. To be held from noon to 5 p.m. Watch your e-mail for more details.

Monday-Wednesday Oct. 15-17
Board Of Advocates Client Counseling Competition.

3L Newsletter:

Hello 3Ls! We hope that your semester is going well. As it continues to get busier, please remember you must attend two Professional Perspectives events, one Career Component event, and one program of your choice by the end of the year. Several options are listed in this newsletter, but keep your eyes peeled for others that appeal to you. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

Business Communication Seminar offered students professional and electronic advice

On September 19, nearly 60 students received tips on business communication from a panel of experts. Much of the advice focused upon the use of email and a consideration of its risks. Paul Maguffee, an attorney with the University's General Counsel's Office, and Dan Nelson ('92), a partner with Armstrong Teasdale, discussed that e-mail is discoverable in law suits, that there is no expectation of email privacy, and that there is no control over to whom an email may be forwarded.



Professor Danny Sokol discussed e-mail drafting issues, including the use of "cc" and "bcc," and advised students to keep anything out of an e-mail that they would not feel

comfortable announcing in a crowded room. Both Sokol and Dr. Joseph Mazza, of the MU Department of Communication, discussed how word usage can set the tone of an e-mail and stressed that a reader cannot discern vocal cues, such as humor or sarcasm, in a typed message.

Each panelist stressed the importance of face-to-face interaction and noted that e-mail is not always the best means of communication (for example, when delivering bad news to a client). Regarding oral communication, Mazza advised students to consider their "audience" and to pay special consideration to word choice, vocal tone, and body language.

Professor Rigel Oliveri urged students to sound professional when speaking with attorneys and to avoid youthful mannerisms and phrases that may detract from the serious nature of the students' work. Mindful of a situation in which a young male summer associate asked a senior female partner to make him coffee, Oliveri also advised students to treat all

members of the office with respect and to avoid stereotyping co-workers. The panel also advised students to call attorneys and clients "Mr. " or "Ms." until the attorney or client specifically asks to be called by his or her first name.

Perhaps the biggest tip of the presentation focused on professionalism. While it is easy to adopt a casual way of speaking, writing, and addressing others, attorneys should be mindful of a casual demeanor's effect on others. As members of a profession, attorneys should strive to present themselves as thoughtful, courteous, and hardworking. It is therefore always appropriate to adopt a measure of formality a step above what might be expected (one attorney likened it to wearing a suit jacket while others are in shirtsleeves).

How to get your fingerprints in the Missouri Bar

Students registering to take the Missouri Bar Examination will need to submit fingerprints to the Board of Law Examiners. To assist students with this process, L-1 Identity Solutions (formerly known as Identix) will be at Hulston Hall on October 31 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. To have your fingerprints made at the law school, you must register with L-1 Identity Solutions by October 29. The company has cancelled previously scheduled trips to Hulston Hall because of low registration. To register, simply follow these steps:

- Visit the Web site, www.l1id.com/
- Under "Fingerprinting Services," select "Schedule Appointment."
- Click on the State of Missouri icon, then select "Begin Registration."
- You will be directed to the "Application ID" page. Type the number for "State Bar Examiners" into the white box, then click "go."
- You will then be directed to enter a region. Select "Special" from the list of regions.
- Select "Special — UM Columbia Law School."
- Select October 31 as the date of fingerprinting.
- Select an open time and follow the directions to register.
- Provide requested information; be prepared to pay at the time of registration or by money order at the time of fingerprinting. Students cannot pay by personal check. The cost of is \$56.95.

Please consider having your fingerprints made at the law school. It will be difficult to find a



more convenient and less expensive means of obtaining this required information.

Sacramento District Attorney's Office Now Hiring 3Ls

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office is accepting applications for Legal Research Assistants to work under supervision of deputy district attorneys doing legal research, assisting in court, and handling assignments in the misdemeanor arraignment court.

Court assignments include misdemeanor jury trial positions in Domestic Violence as well as the regular Misdemeanor Jury Trial Unit. Legal Research Assistants will also be assigned to the misdemeanor law and motion calendar where they will conduct evidentiary hearings. Legal Research Assistants will also have the opportunity to conduct court trials at the Carol Miller Justice Center, Traffic Court.

Upon admission to the Bar, Legal Research Assistants will be considered for positions as deputy district attorneys. The qualifications for this position include graduation from an accredited law school in 2008

(or December 2007), with plans to take either the February 2008 or July 2008 California State Bar exam. Candidates must be available for assignment within approximately one to two weeks after taking the California State Bar exam.

The position is classified as a Legal Research Assistant and pays \$18.99 per hour, or \$3,291.60 per month. Vacation accrues at the rate of 3.1 hours for each 80 hours worked. The county pays an additional 3.75% of wages into an interest-bearing deferred compensation fund payable to the employee upon termination.

Submit resumes on or before December 1, 2007, by fax to (916) 874-5340, by mail to 901 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, attention Diane Richardson, or by e-mail to RichardsonD@saccounty.net. Interviews will be conducted in December 2007 and January 2008.

NYU-University of Singapore Legal Exchange Program

In May 2007, New York University School of Law and the National University of Singapore launched a program designed to allow students from around the world to experience two educational arenas, and earn Master of Laws (LL.M.) degrees from both a leading U.S. institution and a leading Asian law school. The inaugural class was comprised of students from 23 countries across six continents.



This dual-degree program offers an NYU degree, the LL.M. in Law and the Global Economy, with optional specializations in either:

- U.S. and Asian Business and Trade Law; or
- Justice and Human Rights.

Additionally, students will pursue concurrently an LL.M. degree from the National University of

Singapore. A number of scholarships are available for students who enroll in the program, which is known informally as NYU@NUS.

Based at the National University of Singapore, classes taken as part of the NYU degree are taught predominantly by NYU professors in residence, with students also benefiting from collaborative teaching by faculties from both institutions. Professors Lewis Kornhauser, Stephen Choi, Joseph Weiler, and Philip Alston, and other members of NYU's faculty, were among those teaching in the program's inaugural year.

In addition to the academic program — which is in all respects as rigorous as its counterpart in New York — students are able to apply for internships with law firms, corporations and government entities located in Singapore. Students are also able to take courses in Shanghai as part of a joint degree program between the National University of Singapore and East China University of Politics and Law.

The application deadline is December 1, 2007, for enrollment in May 2008. Further information, updated admissions information, application instructions, and videos of current students can be found at: www.NYUNUS.org.

Congratulations to the 2007 BOA Negotiation Winners

We would like to congratulate the 2007 Board of Advocates Negotiation Competition winners Ryan Westhoff and Jay Atkins, and second place finishers Steve Voorhees and Craig Flanders. We applaud all of your hard work and wish you the best of luck at the Regional Negotiation Competition later this semester.

BOA will next be hosting the Client Counseling Competition in October. Watch your e-mail for more details.

