

Career Development Newsletter

November Events Schedule

Nov. 12-16, PAD Canned Food Drive, Phi Alpha Delta will sponsor a canned food drive to benefit the Central Missouri Food Bank. You may donate non-perishable food items in collection bins throughout Hulston Hall.

Nov. 12, The Bar Exam: Information for 1Ls. A BARBRI representative will discuss how 1Ls can begin to prepare for the Bar. Attendance satisfies a Career Component credit. Pizza will be provided at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP for pizza by emailing Lesley Nilges (nilgesl@missouri.edu) by 5 p.m. on November 8.

Nov. 15, BOA Mock Trial Information Session, This session will be held from 1-1:50 in Room 3. The Mock Trial Competition will be held in January shortly after returning from Winter Break.

Nov. 19-23, Thanksgiving Break. No classes.

Nov. 30, Last day of classes. Good luck on finals!

Congratulations to the Client-Counseling Competition Winners

We would like to congratulate the client counseling competition co-winners Dave Harris and Daryl Chatman, and Elijah Haahr and Amanda Wolf.

Good luck in the upcoming regional competition.

1L Newsletter:

Hello 1Ls! We hope your getting ready for your first semester to come to a close. As it ends, please remember that you are required to attend one Professional Perspectives and one Career Development program by the end of the fall semester. Several options are listed in this newsletter, and Dean Devine sent out the remaining options via e-mail. Let us know if you have any questions.

This week only in Legal Research and Writing classes

Dean Wilson Setser and Ms. Follett will be visiting Legal Research and Writing classes this week to discuss business communications and ways to gain legal experience this summer. They also will answer questions about this summer and discuss setting up appointments in the Career Development Office.

Gibson Clerkship Program offered students real-life experiences of current clerks, judges

On October 31, the School of Law hosted the 18th Annual Floyd R. Gibson Judicial Clerkship Forum. This year's featured panelists were the Honorable Duane Benton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Nannette A. Baker of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. Judge Benton's clerk, Megan Dunn ('07), and Judge Baker's clerk, Fibbens Koranteng ('07), also participated in the panel discussion designed to showcase the judicial clerkship experience.

Judge Benton and Judge Baker discussed the benefits that clerking has upon an attorney's future career. Law students who wish to litigate can benefit from clerkships with both trial and appellate judges. Clerks who work for trial judges will watch a variety of trials and will have the opportunity to observe the advocacy skills of dozens of different attorneys. Clerks who work for appellate judges will research issues on appeal and learn how to "reverse engineer" a case based upon the problems and issues raised in the briefs. A clerkship with a federal judge will expose a new lawyer to intricacies of federal practice, while a clerkship with a state appellate judge may be beneficial to lawyers who plan to prac-

tice in a particular area of the state.

The judges also discussed how they select their clerks. Both stated that while grades are often a factor in selection for federal clerkships, many state trial and appellate judges will not limit their selection to a particular percentage of the class. Both judges stressed that all clerks must have good legal research and writing skills and an intellectual curiosity that will allow them to consider a variety of issues and outcomes. The applicant's personality also plays a role in selection. Judges spend a lot of time with their clerks, and the judges seek clerks who compliment their own demeanors.

Mizzou Law students who are considering careers in judicial clerkships should make an appointment in the Office of Career and Professional Development. Dean Wilson Setser and Ms. Follett would be happy to discuss various clerkship opportunities and review the applicable deadlines. The faculty Judicial Clerkship Committee, which consists of Professors Abrams, Lee, Litton, McGuinness, and Dean Wilson Setser, is also a wonderful resource for students who would like to talk to someone who previously served as a clerk.

— Finals Frenzy —

Get exam writing expertise, here in Hulston Hall

Hulston Hall's own Professor Stacie Strong would like to share her legal writing expertise with you. Professor Strong has a master's degree in Professional Writing from USC and is the author of *How to Write Law Essays and Exams*. She will speak about the IRAC process and exam writing on Tuesday, November 13, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Room 5.

While this presentation may be of particular interest to 1Ls, all law students are invited to attend. This event will not carry Perspectives credit, but it can certainly help you prepare for final exams, which are only a few short weeks away. Watch for emails containing a URL location for a handout that will be used in Professor Strong's presentation.

Thinking about final exams?

Want to get some tips on the art of test-taking? If so, plan to attend *How To Perform Your Best on Law School Exams*, presented by Bev Brown and Billy Randles of Shook Hardy & Bacon, on Wednesday, November 7, at 1 p.m. in the Courtroom. Attendance satisfies a Professional Perspectives Credit.

Register Now for the 2008 Norman Amaker Public Interest Law Retreat in Indianapolis

You are invited to be a part of the 2008 Norman Amaker Public Interest Law Retreat, sponsored by the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis.

The retreat will take place on the weekend of February 23. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with students, faculty, and practicing attorneys who share a common commitment to public interest law. This year's theme is "Recommitment to Social Justice: Where you were, Where you are, Where you are going." The retreat will feature:

- Panels on Youth Law, Elder Law, Disability, and more.
- Networking opportunities for students.

The registration fee covers lodging and meals. If you are interested in attending or participating in a panel discussion, please contact Dawn White at white26@iupui.edu, or amaker@iupui.edu. Additionally, for information about previous retreats, visit <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/clinics/amaker/retreat.htm>.

Graduate Leverage To Discuss Personal Financial Management

On Wednesday, November 14, a representative from Graduate Leverage will talk about loan debt management, personal finance, managing credit card debt, and planning for future investments. This event is co-sponsored by BLSA and the Office of Career and Professional Development. Students who attend the program will be able to choose either a Career Component or Professional Perspectives credit. The program will be in the Courtroom at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Lesley Nilges (niglesl@missouri.edu) by 10 a.m. on Nov. 12 if you would like to eat lunch before the program.

Consider completing Character and Fitness Application Over the Break

Semester break is the perfect time to complete or update your Character and Fitness Report. Information on application deadlines is available on the Missouri Judiciary Web page, <http://www.courts.mo.gov> (search for "MBLE," and you will get a link to the Missouri Board of Law Examiners Web page).

Visit the Career
Development Web site at:
www.law.missouri.edu/jd/careers.
