

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. 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 after returning from Winter Break.

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

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.

Complete your Character and Fitness 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.").

2L Newsletter:

Hello 2Ls! We hope your semester still is going smoothly. As it begins to get busier, please remember to attend the required Professional Perspectives and Career Development programs by the end of the fall

semester. Several options are listed in this newsletter, and Dean Devine sent out an e-mail with the remaining programs listed. We hope you have enjoyed your semester thus far. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

Gibson Clerkship Program offered students real-life experiences of current legal 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 benefi-

cial to lawyers who plan to practice 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 complement 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.

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.

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 will be able to choose either a Career Component or a Professional Perspectives credit. The program will be in the Courtroom at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Lesley Nilges (nilgesl@missouri.edu) by 10 a.m. on Nov. 12 if you would like to eat lunch before the program.

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 be held 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>.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC) is accepting applications for its Legal Honors Program 2008-2009. All **application materials must be post-marked by November 9, 2007.**

To be considered for a Legal Honors position at HUD, an original and two copies of the following information must be submitted: 1) The program application form; 2) A completed Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612) and Declaration for Federal Employment (OF-306) and/or resume, which should include information contained on these forms; 3) Law school transcript (official copy only); and 4)

A writing sample of at least 5 pages (double-spaced).

Links for the Legal Honors Program brochure and fillable application: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc/legalsinglefinal2008.pdf> and <http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc/lhipformfinal2008.pdf>.

Return the completed application materials (original and two copies) to:

LEGAL HONORS PROGRAM
Director: Administration Management and HR Division
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of General Counsel, Room 10245
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410.

For questions or assistance, please contact Ms. Sinthea M. Kelly at

Apply now for the International Humanitarian Law Conference

Santa Clara University will host the second-annual workshop on International Humanitarian Law, presented by the International Committee of the Red Cross. The program will be held February 15-18, 2008.

The workshop will feature lectures and hands-on exercises dealing with:

- Human Rights and IHL
- Protected Persons
- Internment/Detention
- Amend conflicts of a non-intern-

tional character.

More topics and additional information is available at www.scu.edu/law/international/ihlworkshop.html.

The workshop is limited to 40 students, so visit the Web site for more details and an application.

(202) 708-0290. HUD is especially interested in students who would like to work in the Kansas City area. For questions about the Kansas City office, please call Thomas J. Coleman, Regional Counsel, at (913) 551-5478.

Chartmann Law – Farmington

Busy solo practitioner with a domestic & criminal law practice in Farmington seeks summer clerk. If interested in this opportunity, send resume to Chris Hartmann, 205 East Liberty Street, Farmington, MO 63640 or email to chartmannlaw@sbcglobal.net.

Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance – Columbia

Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance (MEM) seeks a current 2L or 3L to intern in its Compliance Office. The selected student will work under the compliance officer/attorney and will assist with legal research, policy development, and numerous other projects.

The student will work approximately 10 hours/week during the academic year and 40 hours/week during Summer 2008 (if a 2L is selected).

If interested in this opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance
Human Resources

101 North Keene Street
Columbia, MO 65201

U.S. Attorney's Office for W.D. of Missouri – Kansas City

The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri seeks enthusiastic, motivated students for its summer law internship program. The program begins in May 2008 and concludes in August. Interns will work in Kansas City. At the present time, the United States Attorney's Office is unable to offer paid positions.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a resume and cover letter to:

Jess Michaelsen
Assistant United States Attorney
Charles Evans Whittaker Court-
house
400 East Ninth Street, Fifth Floor
Kansas City, MO 64106

Applications should be received by January 15, 2008. Interviews will begin in February; however, if you will be in Kansas City over semester break, please indicate that in your cover letter, as an interview may be arranged for that time.

Legal Services of NJ

The Legal Services of New Jersey seeks second-year law students for its Public Interest Legal Intern Fellowship Program.

The program has approximately

22 positions available. For more information, visit www.lsnj.org. Hiring decisions are made on a rolling basis that began in Fall 2007.

American Society of International Law

The American Society of International Law is pleased to announce the launch of the 4th annual Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program. Funded in part by contributions from ASIL members, Helton Fellowships provide financial assistance in the form of "micro-grants" for law students and young professionals to pursue field-work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and related areas.

Helton Fellowship micro-grants are intended to ensure that these individuals have access to modest amounts of funding that can often stand between them and their first professional opportunities to become effective practitioners, experts, and scholars of international law.

Application instructions and eligibility guidelines for the Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program are now also available at www.asil.org. **The application deadline is February 15, 2008** and awards will be issued no later than April 1, 2008. Please send all questions to fellowship@asil.org or call the service center at (856) 380-6810.