

# Career Development Newsletter

## November Events Schedule

**Nov. 9-10, Law Day.** This year's law day will begin Friday November 9 and continue Saturday November 10, concluding with the MU-Texas A&M football game. Return the forms in your mailbox as instructed if you plan on attending. Contact Casey Baker at 573-884-7833 or bakercd@missouri.edu for more information.

**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 shortly after returning from Winter Break.

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

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

## 3L Newsletter:

Hello 3Ls! We hope you are enjoying your final year in school! 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 listing the remaining programs. As always, let us

know if you have any questions.

## 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.

## 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

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 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.

## 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 Nigles (nilgesl@missouri.edu) by 10 a.m. on Nov. 12 if you would like to eat lunch before the program.

Visit the Career Development Web site at: [www.law.missouri.edu/jd/careers](http://www.law.missouri.edu/jd/careers).

## 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](mailto:white26@iupui.edu), or [amaker@iupui.edu](mailto:amaker@iupui.edu). Additionally, for information about previous retreats, visit <http://indylaw.indiana.edu/clinics/amaker/retreat.htm>.

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## Want an LL.M in Agricultural Law? The University of Arkansas now accepting applications

While issues involving food and agriculture have always been important, recent concerns about food safety have highlighted critical issues concerning agricultural law. Similarly, environmental issues, biotechnology, food labeling, international trade, and other compelling new challenges face our food system.

The Graduate Program in Agricultural Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law offers the nation's only advanced LL.M. degree in agricultural law. The school offers a curriculum covering the full spectrum of law and policy from the perspective of the farmer, the processor, the retailer, and the consumer, and food law issues as a core aspect of that curriculum.

The program is a nine-month course of study attracts attorneys from throughout the United States and from abroad. While many of the students are recent law school graduates, others enter the program as experienced practitioners.

The University of Arkansas School of Law is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas, "a fast-growing college town

of 62,000 in the Ozark foothills ... flush with youth, culture and natural beauty." 36 Hours, by Julie Besonen, N.Y. TIMES, April 21, 2006.

The school is now reviewing applications for the 2008-2009 academic year. Interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Visit the Web site at <http://law.uark.edu/llm/>, e-mail us for information at [llm@uark.edu](mailto:llm@uark.edu) or call 479-575-3706, or visit the new LL.M. blog at <http://aglawllm.blogspot.com>.

## Considering completing your 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.").

# Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

*Career opportunities  
located locally  
and nationally*

## 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).

## 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

Armed conflicts of a non-international character.

More topics and additional information is available at [www.scu.edu/law/international/ihlworkshop.html](http://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.

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 (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.

## Iowa District Court for Fifth Judicial District – Des Moines, Iowa

The Iowa District Court for the Fifth Judicial District will be interviewing to fill Legal Assistant I (Law Clerk) positions. Current compensation is \$39,582.40. State of Iowa benefits are also included.

If interested in this position and will be graduating prior to August 1, 2008, send resume to:

Law Clerk Committee  
c/o Judge Joel D. Novak  
Polk County Courthouse  
500 Mulberry Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309-4241.

Resume should include undergraduate and law school GPA and class standing. **Resumes must be received by November 21, 2007.**

## Advocates for Basic Legal Equity

The Advocates for Basic Legal Equity seek students to work in providing assistance to low-income migrant farmworkers throughout Ohio.

The position is based out of Toledo, Ohio, and applicants must be able to communicate fluently in Spanish.

**Interested applicants should send their resumes as soon as possible to [jobs@ablelaw.org](mailto:jobs@ablelaw.org)**, with the Subject: Migrant Farmworker Attorney.

## Institute for Public Representation

The Institute for Public Representation seeks applicants for a two-year graduate fellow/staff position from 2008-2010.

IPR is a public interest law firm and law school clinic at Georgetown University. Currently, IPR is seeking students interested in the environmental area and communication area.

Interested applicants for the environmental area should submit a resume and law school transcript, two letters of recommendation, a recent writing sample, and a brief statement of interest to:

Martha Rodriguez, Administrator  
Institute for Public Representation  
Georgetown University Law Center  
Re: Fellowship Program  
600 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001.

For those interested in the communication area, submit those materials to:

Angela Campbell  
Institute for Public Representation  
Georgetown University Law Center  
Re: Fellowship Program  
600 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20001.

**Applicants should be post-marked by December 1, 2007.**

**Office of the Appellate Defender –  
New York**

The Office of Appellate Defender (OAD) seeks applicants for Staff Attorney positions to begin in Fall 2008. OAD is a non-profit indigent defense organization of 21 lawyers devoted to providing high-quality, client-centered representation to indigent defendants primarily in criminal appeals in state court and collateral proceedings in state and federal court.

OAD is a unique hybrid — part law firm, part training program — that has built a national reputation for attracting outstanding lawyers and finding innovative and economical ways to serve indigent clients.

OAD offers 2-year staff attorney positions, with a possibility for a third year, to lawyers who have demonstrated top-level skills in legal research and writing, as well as a commitment to providing legal services to the indigent. The office attracts attorneys who have clerked in state and federal courts, attorneys with non-judicial post-graduate experience, and law graduates directly out of law school.

Salary for OAD staff attorneys is based on years of experience, and currently starts at \$50,000 for law graduates. All OAD staff receive excellent benefits. Strong preference will be given to **applications received by December 15**, and applications received after that date may not be considered.

Interviewing will occur in January and February. Interested applicants should submit a resume, writing sample, and cover letter that specifically addresses:

- 1) why the applicant is interested in working at OAD, and
- 2) what skills or experiences make the applicant a strong candidate.

Application materials should be sent by mail only to:

Carolyn Wilson  
Administrative Specialist, Office  
of the Appellate Defender  
11 Park Place, Suite 1601  
New York, NY 10007.

**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.

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

**Court of Appeals for Veterans  
Claims – Washington, D.C.**

The Honorable Mary J. Schoelen of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims seeks a Clerk to begin approximately August 25, 2008. Applicants may be law school graduates or 3L students who will complete law school and receive a degree by the start date.

Student applicants must be in the upper one-third of the law school class or have experience on the editorial board of a law review or have an LLM degree or have demonstrated proficiency in legal studies that, in the opinion of the appointing judge, is the equivalent of the above. To apply submit one of the following means of application: 1) resume, 2) OF 612, or 3) SF 171.

The application submitted must contain all information requested

on the OF 612. In addition to the application, include a cover letter, a completed OF 306 (Declaration of Federal Employment), law school transcript, a self-edited legal writing sample, 3 letters of reference (2 of which must be law-related), and class rank to:

Judge Mary J. Schoelen  
Attention: Ms. Patty A. Lewis  
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite  
900  
Washington, D.C. 20004.

Both forms can be obtained by calling Ramona Garcia at (202) 501-5988. **The position is open until filled.**

**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](http://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](mailto:fellowship@asil.org) or call the service center at (856) 380-6810.