



Office of Career & Professional Development 2L Newsletter
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This newsletter is a regular publication of the Office of Career and Professional Development. Additionally, the newsletters are archived on the Career Development website. If you see a topic in a past or current issue and want to talk more about it, stop by our office. We would also love your input on topics of interest to cover in future newsletters or workshops. We value your opinion and look forward to hearing from you.

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▪ **Upcoming Law School Events**

- **Wednesday, March 21** – **Presentation: “Think Outside the Box,” 1:00 – 1:50, Courtroom.** A presentation for students who want to explore non-traditional J.D. career choices. Career component credit available to participating students.
- **Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30** – **SPRING BREAK!**
- **Saturday, March 31** – **Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day.**
- **Wednesday, April 11** –
 - **Presentation: Famous Trials Series, 4:00 p.m., Room 7.** Doug Jones will be lecturing on the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing Trial in Birmingham, Alabama. Attendance satisfies a general Professional Perspectives requirement.

- **London Law Program Information Event, 1:10 – 1:50 p.m., Room 4.** Professors Whitman and English and law students who have participated in the London Law Program last year will present information and answer questions about this study-abroad opportunity.
- **Check out the calendar by clicking on the following links:**
 - **March:**http://www.law.missouri.edu/calendar/index.php?sent_month=March&sent_year=2007
 - **April:**
http://www.law.missouri.edu/calendar/index.php?sent_month=April&sent_year=2007

Special Events and Activities

The 2007 Summer Corps application will be available **Wednesday, March 21** on the Equal Justice Works website beginning at noon EDT. As part of the Equal Justice Works Katrina Initiative, preference will be given to projects providing legal assistance to those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. All 350 slots will be awarded primarily on a first come, first served basis. Demand for this opportunity is very high so students should apply as early as possible. The application closes at 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 4.

Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that engages law students to spend their summers serving at nonprofit public interest organizations and allows them to earn a \$1,000 AmeriCorps education award voucher upon completion of 300 hours of service. Students must secure a summer placement at a qualifying organization prior to applying for the program. For more information about the program, please visit www.equaljusticeworks.org/summercorpsindex.php.

International Arbitration Summer Session, May 29 – June 14--**The Washington College of Law** is hosting a three-week international arbitration program May 29 – June 14. Taught by leading practitioners and arbitrators from throughout the world, the program is designed to prepare lawyers and law students to respond to the widespread use of international arbitration for the resolution of disputes in international business and economic transactions. Law students may apply to receive academic credit, and may select up to five courses. Students who wish to obtain credit must consult with and have permission from their home institutions. A letter of good standing and permission to enroll at the College of Law must accompany the application, which can be downloaded at www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration/2007/admissions.cfm. The registration deadline is **May 4**. Please see the brochure in the Career & Professional Development library for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Student Volunteer Day is Saturday, March 31. Join SBA, PILA and the Student Hurricane Network for Volunteer Day at Columbia's Habitat for Humanity. Contact Lauren Standlee, 2L, to sign up. Volunteer space is limited, so get in touch with Lauren today!

Legal Employment Opportunities

Columbia

Shelter Insurance Company has an opening for a part-time Law Clerk. Clerk will work up to 40 hours a week during the summer, with the possibility of 10-15 hours per week during school year. Starting pay \$15.00 an hour. Duties primarily include legal research and writing on insurance and tort issues. Interested applicants should email a resume no later than March 31st, 2007 to anielsen@shelterinsurance.com.

The Missouri Supreme Court Publications Office seeks two 1L or 2L students to work this summer and continue throughout the 2007-08 academic year. The part-time positions consist of summarizing appellate court briefs and opinions. Typically, students are only required to come into the office once a week to pick up or drop off work done from home. Although there are weekly deadlines, the work is very conducive to law school schedules and allows the students the opportunity to seek other employment or internships in the Columbia - Jefferson City area during the summer. The selected students will begin work on May 16. Interested applicants should submit resumes by April 13 to Roberta Shikles at rshikles@courts.mo.gov or to her attention at the Supreme Court Publications Office, P.O. Box 448, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Cripps & Simmons seeks a 2L to assist the firm's estate, business, tax, elder law, and fiduciary litigation practice. The student will draft documents and review/organize financial information. The student should be able to work 15-20 hours/week and be at the office at least 3 days/week. The position requires strong research and writing skills and the ability to use Word Perfect and spreadsheets. A background in business, finance, or accounting is preferred. The firm will consider full-time summer employment and flexible scheduling to allow for summer classes. Send resume with references, writing sample, transcript, and cover letter to Helen Cripps, Cripps & Simmons, LLC, P.O. Box 7068, Columbia, MO 65205.

The Missouri Public Defender's Office seeks applications for a Law Clerk to assist the Transfer Attorney in the Columbia Public Defender Director's Office. Current 2L students may apply for this position; **the person hired will begin in August 2007 and work 15 hours/week throughout the school year.** The clerk

will communicate by telephone and mail with Public Defender clients throughout the state, as well as inmates, potential clients, and family members about the criminal process and the specific concerns of their cases/situations. The clerk will also communicate with Public Defenders across the state to address and resolve concerns that come to the attention of the Director's Office; help assign conflict cases to private attorneys; deal with confidential information; and learn about the criminal process and key issues facing clients and attorneys. **Pay is \$10/hour.** Obtain an application by visiting www.publicdefender.mo.gov, then send the completed application to Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Human Resources, 3402 Buttonwood Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell & Lewis, PC seeks summer law clerks. The firm's practice involves general civil, commercial, tax, banking, real estate, probate, estate planning, trust administration, pension and employee benefits, zoning, planning and land use law. Clerks will conduct legal research, assist in document production, and assist attorneys as needed. The firm offers flexible hours and scheduling. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample to: Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell & Lewis, P.C. Attention: Sue Fuller, Office Manager 601 E. Broadway, Ste. 203 P.O. Box 1304 Columbia, MO 65205-1304.

Missouri

McAnany, Van Cleave, & Phillips, P.C. seeks a Summer 2007 law clerk in its Springfield office. The firm seeks a current 2L, top 33% of class preferred. The clerk must be from or familiar with the Springfield area and have an interest in worker's compensation defense. Please send resume and transcript to the attention of Melissa Crawford at mcrawford@mvplaw.com. For more information about the firm, visit www.mvplaw.com.

Case & Roberts, P.C. a Kansas City-based civil litigation firm, seeks law student for summer clerkship. The candidate selected for this position will assist with legal research projects, discovery and other projects as assigned related to the firm's litigation practice, which is broad-based with an emphasis on insurance defense. Qualified candidates must be highly motivated and hard working with strong written, analytical and communication skills. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript and writing sample to John Travers, Manager, Case & Roberts P. C., 2300 Main Street, Suite 900 Kansas City, MO 64108.

Cochran, Oswald & Roam, LLC of Blue Springs, MO seeks a summer clerk who is interested in working in a small firm in Eastern Jackson County. If interested, send a resume to Jason K. Rew, Cochran, Oswald & Roam, LLC, 601 NW Jefferson, PO Box 550, Blue Springs, MO 64013. For more information about the firm, visit <http://www.cochranoswaldlaw.com/index.html>.

NASD is the leading private-sector provider of financial regulatory services, dedicated to bringing integrity to the markets and confidence to investors through effective and efficient regulation and complementary compliance and technology-based services. We touch virtually every aspect of the securities business--from registering and educating all industry participants, to examining securities firms, enforcing both NASD rules and the federal securities laws, and administering the largest dispute resolution forum for investors and member firms. **NASD Enforcement department is seeking students for the 2007 summer internship program in Kansas City.** There may be internship opportunities at various company locations including Washington, DC (headquarters), Rockville, MD, Atlanta, Boca Raton, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, New York, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle. The internship program will begin on May 21, 2007 and end on August 10, 2007. This is a full-time position throughout these dates. The position then continues part-time for the academic year. The legal intern will provide support and assistance to attorneys in a standard business environment. Those selected will receive practical "hands-on" experience, as well as exposure to a self-regulatory organization. This program may provide opportunities to interact with employees in various departments of NASD offering invaluable career building experiences and a supplement to academic training. Interns will be scheduled to work a maximum of 35 hours per week at hourly pay rate of \$20.00. Specific responsibilities include: performing legal research; reviewing and analyzing case files; drafting legal documents and memoranda of law; summarizing transcripts; drafting witness affidavits; assisting legal and investigative staff during depositions. All candidates must have the following requirements: must be entering their third year of law school in the Fall of 2007 and have outstanding academic credentials; have proven interest in securities regulation/industry; work experience in a financial, brokerage or investment environment is a plus; possess excellent computer skills, including Lexis/Nexis and Microsoft Word; have exceptional communications skills both written and oral; outstanding organizational skills are required. To be considered, please visit our website at www.NASD.com and submit your profile to the Legal Intern position at the location of interest under Career Opportunities. Please include the following information in your letter of application: outline your area of interest, what you hope to achieve through this program, what you can contribute to the organization and current GPA. Be sure to attach your current resume and school transcript. Incomplete submissions, or those received after **April 27, 2007** will be ineligible for consideration. Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

GREAT Legal Volunteer Opportunities

Missouri

The Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District has openings for Summer 2007 judicial clerks. The Court seeks current 1L and 2L students for this volunteer opportunity. Externship credit of 2-3 hours may be available. Send cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample to The Honorable Lisa White Hardwick, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, 1300 Oak Street, Kansas City, MO 64108. **Application deadline is March 31.**

American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri. The ACLU-EM has 2007 summer legal clerkships available for 1L and 2L students. Law clerks will gain hands-on experience working on real cases; improve research and writing skills; get extensive feedback on written product; learn how to manage case files and develop strong communication skills; and work on complex, cutting-edge constitutional law and civil liberties issues. If Rule 13 certified, students will also have the opportunity to participate in court hearings and other legal procedures. For more information, visit <http://www.aclu-em.org>. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and legal writing sample to Tony Rothert, Legal Director, 4557 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Other States

National Center for Adoption Law & Policy. The Adoption Law & Policy Center is now accepting summer job/internship postings and student applications for 2007. At www.adoptionjobsite.org, law students can search job opportunities, submit applications for various job and internship openings, and learn more about what is available in the public interest law field. Visit the website above for more information.

Appalachian Research & Defense Fund Summer Law Clerkships. ARDF is seeking law clerks for summer 2007 in its nine area offices throughout Kentucky to assist attorneys in all phases of client representation and program work. Over the past 36 years of ARDF's work in the Kentucky area, it has been involved in significant representation of clients in coal-related environmental and employment matters; establishment of shelters for victims of spouse abuse; actions to rectify employment discrimination based on race and gender; and development of due process procedures for utility cutoffs. Students must provide their own funding, although work study and similar arrangements with a sponsoring institution will be considered. Some funds are available to assist with travel. Student interns conduct research, interview witnesses, draft briefs, and handle a variety of tasks under the direction of program attorneys. Interested applicants should apply to John M. Rosenberg, Director, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY, 120 North Front Avenue, Prestonburg, KY 14653. Applicants should send resume, writing sample, and list of references along with

a statement regarding the applicant's ability to provide funding for himself/herself. For more information, call Diane Fish, Administrative Assistant, at (606) 886-9876, ext. 129.

National Women's Law Center (NWLC). The NWLC is a nonprofit legal advocacy organization that works to advance the rights of women, particularly the rights of low-income women and girls. The primary focus areas include gender equity in education, employment, economic security and health. Full-time summer internship positions with the NWLC are currently open to 1st and 2nd year law students. Summer interns may be eligible to receive a small stipend, and all interns may earn credit hours from their respective law schools. To apply, e-mail a resume, a cover letter indicating dates and times available for work, transcript, recent writing sample, and the names of three references with current addresses and phone numbers to humanresources@nwlc.org. For more information, visit www.nwlc.org.

Interested in Intellectual Property Law?

Consider joining the International Trademark Association (INTA)

For law students considering a career in intellectual property law - especially **trademark law** - becoming a member of INTA is a good strategy for networking opportunities. INTA is a not-for-profit membership association of trademark professionals. As a student member of INTA, law students are connected to a global community of trademark lawyers from more than 190 countries. Students can join INTA for \$25/year and receive benefits such as:

- Use of exclusive online trademark information
- Substantial discounts on in-depth programs that serve as educational and networking opportunities.
- Access to career development tools that will help students find the contacts.

For more information about Student Membership at INTA and to find enrollment forms, visit www.inta.org/go/membership.

Now Available in the Office of Career & Professional Development Library:

- **U.S. Department of Justice: Volunteer Summer Legal Intern Positions, Summer 2007.** Helpful resource that lists all the available volunteer DOJ positions department-wide and in U.S. Attorneys' Offices. Each entry describes the position and the application process and provides a website for students to get additional information.

- **The Directory of Legal Aid & Defender Offices and Resources.** Directory of Civil Legal Services Offices and Defender Offices for people interested in public interest work.

Lastly, A Big THANK YOU

Our thanks to everyone who attended the Small Firm and Public Interest Expo. Nearly 60 attorneys and 90 students attended the event on March 8. Those who attended have reported that several externships were arranged and that practitioners offered job search assistance. Let us know if you enjoyed it, and plan on attending next year's expo!