Career Resources

Symplicity – https://law-kent-csm.symplicity.com/students/
Symplicity is Chicago-Kent’s online job posting site. Many small and medium-sized law firms (in addition to government and legal aid organizations) post open positions for law clerk and full-time jobs on Symplicity.

Chicago Area Law Firm List – This list is available in the “Document Library” in Symplicity. It is also known as the “Four or More” list because it lists Chicago-area law firms with four or more attorneys. There are currently more than 750 firms included in the updated list.

Martindale.com – www.martindale.com
Martindale is a website where you can search for attorneys according to their location, practice area, and law school. It is a great resource for finding attorneys in your target location who practice in your area(s) of interest. You can search for Chicago-Kent graduates by selecting Chicago-Kent in the law school drop-down menu when conducting an “Advanced Search” for attorneys.

Illinois ARDC – http://www.iardc.org/
The Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois lists contact information for attorneys in Illinois. This is a helpful tool if you know an attorney’s name but you do not know where the attorney works.

Sullivan’s Law Directory – This book directory is available in the Career Services Office and it includes contact information for all Chicago-area attorneys. This is a great resource if you meet an attorney at a networking event or seminar and would like to follow up with them, but do not have their contact information.

Chicago-Kent Alumni Career Advisor Network –
http://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/career-preparation/career-services/students/alumni-career-network
In an effort to help you connect with a strong network of Chicago-Kent alumni, the Office of Alumni Relations has developed the “Alumni Career Advisor Network.” Alumni from around the country, including alumni in small and midsize firms, are available to discuss issues such as practice trends, legal markets in specific geographic areas, and other career-related topics. This is an excellent resource to help you start building your personal network with Chicago-Kent alumni.

Small Firms, Big Opportunity: How to Get Hired (and Succeed) in the New Legal Economy, by Linda Calvert Hanson and Samantha Williams. This book provides the practical steps to identify where jobs are in small or midsize firms, how to get hired, and how to succeed in a tough legal economy.

Choosing Small Choosing Smart, Job Search Strategies for Lawyers in the Small Firm Market, by Donna Gerson. This book offers information on how to understand the small firm market, including how to approach firms effectively, how to negotiate the best salary and benefits package with an employer and how to succeed as a small firm lawyer.