What’s Next For Fall: Rising 2Ls

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Get Ready, Get Set, Get Hired, **TOMORROW**, April 10, 4:30pm-5:30pm, Auditorium

Small & Midsize Firm Reception, **TOMORROW**, April 10, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Front Lobby
Today’s Agenda

• Planning for 2L Year
  – Important Resources for Your Job Search
  – Opportunities & Important Deadlines
    • Fall Recruiting
    • Government
    • Public Interest
    • Small & Midsize Firms

• 3L Year: Early Deadlines

• Evaluating Your Summer Experience

TURN IN YOUR SURVEY!!! (Listservs)
Important Resources

• Symplicity
  – Job Postings
  – *Resume Books*
    – Resources: Document Library

• Job Fairs: Diversity Job Fairs, City Group Job Fairs, MPILCC, EJW, etc.; often summer deadlines
  – Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair: August 16, 2013

• Your network.....
No matter what, NETWORK!

• Reach out and/or reconnect with your established network
  – Update re: your progress
  – News alerts on person, firm
  – Interesting articles, news items

• Meet new people:
  – Informational Interviews
  – Networking Events
  – Bar Associations
  – CSO Programs
Fall Recruiting

• Student Eligibility:
  – Must be a December 2014 or May 2015 graduate to participate as a 2L
  – Current evening student (May 2016): must switch to Day Division to participate this year

• Employers:
  – Large Law Firms
  – Small & Midsize Firms
  – Government Agencies
  – Military Branches
Fall Recruiting

• 2L students interview in August 2013 for summer positions beginning May/June 2014
  – June/July: prepare resume & have reviewed; research employers (Symplicity lists)
  – August 1st: Deadline to complete process
  – August 12th – October 31st: Interviews

• Large Firm Hiring: Very competitive, employers set very selective hiring criteria

Student Experience: Valerie Raedy
Fall Recruiting

Important Dates:

- **July 1, 2013 - July 25, 2013, Noon:** Resume Reviews for fall recruiting. **All first-time program participants must have a mandatory resume review.**

- **July 8, 2013 at Noon and 5:30pm:** Fall Recruiting Program (required for all first time participants)

- **August 1, 2013 at Noon:** Deadline for Fall Recruiting Program: both Symplicity materials & hard copies to CSO.

- **August 12, 2013:** On-Campus Interviews begin.

See **[RED](red) Resource Sheet for other important dates**
EARLY DEADLINES THIS SUMMER/FALL:

• Fall Recruiting (Red Resource sheet)

• Fall Externships/Federal Work Study: August 3

• Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair: August Registration

See Blue Resource Sheet for other important dates and resources
Government

• Federal Government Opportunities
  – VERY early fall, some in spring/summer
    • U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Illinois: Applications for Fall due April 16th
  – Government Honors & Internship Handbook: Link in Symplicity, released late July/early August
  – Agency websites, USAJobs.gov

• State & Local Government: Less structured, but depends on agency

Student Experience: Asha George
Public Interest

EARLY DEADLINES THIS SUMMER/FALL:
• Fall externships/Federal Work Study: August 3
• Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI): October 15
• Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference: Register by late November
• Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair

See Yellow Resource Sheet for other important dates and resources
Student Experience: Anthony May
Small & Midsize Firms

• Firms hire throughout the year for clerk positions
• Research firms & network with attorneys
• Fall Legal Externships: August 3rd
• Semester Legal Associate Program: Watch Record for information and deadlines

See Green Resource Sheet for important resources

Student Experience: Kate Kosartes
Alternative Careers

- Legislature
- Corporations
- Non-profit Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Communications
- Trade Associations
- Banking/Finance/Investment
- Consulting Firms
- Real Estate

See Purple “Alternative Careers for Attorneys” handout for important resources
Fall – Alternative Careers Day
3L Year: Early Deadlines

• Fall Recruiting: June 2014
• Judicial Clerkships: June 2014
• Federal Government: May/June 2014
  – U.S. Dept. of Labor, Solicitor Honors Program: Deadline this year is July 1, 2013
  – Department of Justice Program: 1\textsuperscript{st} week of classes
• Job Fairs: May/June 2014

MANDATORY 2L PROGRAM:
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Evaluating Your Summer Experience

Your 1L summer is a great time to try out a practice area and/or practice setting; if you don’t like it, that’s okay! Take the following steps to regroup if this happens to you:

• **Meet with your career counselor (no matter what)**
• Conduct more self-assessment
• Research other practice areas/settings
• Attend CSO program and other events
• Join more student groups
• Informational interviews with attorneys
• Volunteer in your new area of interest
Questions?