What’s Next For Fall: Rising 3Ls

Tuesday, March 26, 2013
Today’s Agenda

• Planning for 3L Year
  – Important Resources for Your Job Search
  – Opportunities & Important Deadlines
    • Fall Recruiting
    • Government
    • Public Interest
    • Judicial Clerkships
    • Small & Midsize Firms

• 2L Summer & Your Postgraduate Job Search

• The Postgraduate Job Search Timeline

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

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

• Job Fairs: Diversity Job Fairs, City Group Job Fairs, MPIILCC, EJW, etc.

• 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 2013 or May 2014 graduate to participate as a 3L

• Employers:
  – Government Agencies
  – Military Branches
  – Some Firms
Fall Recruiting

Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

3Ls interested in the CCSAO MUST APPLY through the Fall Recruiting Program for postgraduate positions

Any student who does not apply through fall recruiting will not be considered for permanent Assistant State’s Attorney positions following graduation

Student Experience: Katerina Alexopoulos
Import 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** Resource Sheet for other important dates
Government

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 Honors Programs
  – VERY early fall, some in summer
    • U.S. Dept. of Labor, Office of the Solicitor Honors Program: **July 1, 2013** Deadline
  – Department of Justice Program: 1st week of classes
  – Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF)

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

Recent Grad Experience: Kendra Garstka
Public Interest

EARLY DEADLINES THIS SUMMER/FALL:

• Fall externships/Federal Work Study: August 3
• Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair
• Fellowships: Very early deadlines; summer planning

See Yellow Resource Sheet for other important dates and resources
Public Interest

- Fellowships:
  1. Project-Based and Entrepreneurial Fellowships
  2. Organizational Fellowships
  3. Educational and Teaching Fellowships
  4. International Fellowships
  5. Firm-Sponsored Public Interest/Pro Bono
  6. Government Fellowships

Student Experience: Kashif Syed
Steps to Obtain a Judicial Clerkship:

1. Meet EARLY with your Career Advisor
   - Attend “Post-Grad Judicial Clerkship Info Program”
     April 2 at Noon

2. Choose the judges and courts you want to approach (State? Federal? Location?)

3. Review the “Judicial Clerkship Handbook”
   (available online and in Symplicity)

See RED Resource Sheet for resources
Judicial Clerkships

Federal:

• In Symplicity:
  – Clerkships Tab
  – Resources Section: Judicial Clerkship Handbook

• OSCAR: https://oscar.uscourts.gov/

State:

• In Symplicity (Resources Tab):
  – IL Judges Spreadsheet
  – Vermont Guide
Small & Midsize Firms

- Firms hire throughout the year for clerk positions
- Fall Legal Externships: **August 3rd**
- Semester Legal Associate Program: Watch Record for information and deadlines

**Student Experience:** Max Barack

See **Green** Resource Sheet for important resources
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
2L Summer & the Postgrad Job Search

From Summer Clerk to New Attorney:
Having the conversation with your employer

• Not an option: should I look for a new position in the fall?
• Benefits of staying on as a law clerk after graduation

Student Experience: Max Barack
The Postgraduate Job Search Timeline

– Pre-graduation:
  – Summer & early fall: fall recruiting, some government (especially federal), fellowships
  – Other options throughout the year
    • NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK!!!!!

– Post-graduation: waiting for bar results
  • Law clerk positions
  • Volunteering
  • Other employment opportunities
  • NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK!!!!!
Questions?