

Health Law Newsletter



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Health Law in the News

Health Law Student Career Panel

Fall is in the air and with it brings reflections on the past summer - including the work that our former Health Law Society Board contributed (and continues to contribute) to the field of Health Law. We sat down with Anne Drushal, Colleen Burns, Sherri DeVito, and Christine Becer to discuss their recent summer jobs. Here is what they had to say:

Anne Drushal – Law clerk for the Vedder Price Corporate Health Care Group. *Responsibilities:* Researched and analyzed contracts and agreements for medical organizations and hospitals and learned something new almost every day! *Advice:* Network within Loyola and HLS. These people will be invaluable contacts.

Colleen Burns – Research intern at a Chicago hospital. *Responsibilities:* Researched new federal and state legislation that applied to the hospital and drafted user-friendly material on developments in the law – great for fine tuning research and writing skills and staying privy to the myriad of legal issues with which hospitals deal. *Advice:* Don't limit your job search to law firms; there are other non-traditional jobs that offer great experience.

Sherri DeVito – Law clerk to the Illinois State Medical Society's legal department. *Responsibilities:* Corporate & health care law. Reviewed contracts, developed memos, wrote legislation, lobbied in Springfield, helped draft a model contract with the AMA, and published an article in *The Law of Medical Practice*. *Advice:* Put your name on the Beazley listserv - their emails go to a smaller pool with a targeted interest. Also join the American Health Lawyer's Association to make contacts with practicing attorneys.

Christine Becer – Clerk for the Office of General Counsel at HHS in Chicago. *Responsibilities:* Worked on a settlement agreement for a corporation that violated HIPAA, prepared depositions, and planned public health emergency rhetoric. *Advice:* Make time to participate in non-law school activities that you enjoy, and don't be afraid to put it on your resume. It shows that you are well-rounded and that you have good time management skills.

Past and Future Health Law Society Events

September was a very busy month for HLS! We participated in a variety of events including a Health Law Career Panel, a meeting with the offices of the General Counsel of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, a tour of the World Vision AIDS Exhibit, and a presentation with Prof. John Blum, "Health Reform on the Back of a Napkin." Here's what's in store for October:

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 7th** for a meeting with Gina Bucciferro, registered dietitian, presenting "Nutrition Facts &

Fictions" from 12:00-1:00pm in Maguire Hall Room 160.

Join us on **Thursday, October 22nd** at 7:00pm in the Power Rogers & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom for a screening of *Do No Harm* with filmmakers Rebecca Schanberg & Susanne Suffredin. The documentary "tells the story of two reluctant whistleblowers" who expose corruption at a non-profit hospital in a small-town in Georgia.

Join us **Monday, October 26th** from

12:00-1:00pm in Room 1102 of the Corboy Law Center for "H1N1: Prevention & Policy" to discuss the myriad facets of public health institutions and how their collaborative efforts intersect to affect the public in times of crisis.

Finally, if you are interested in attending the Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorney's Annual Health Law Symposium on **Wednesday, October 21st** from 8:00am to 6:00pm, contact health-law@luc.edu for details on how to register or visit ahanet.org.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Event	Date	Time	Location
Nutrition Facts & Fictions with Gina Bucciferro	10/07	12:00-1:00pm	Room 160, Maguire Hall
Do No Harm documentary screening with filmmakers Rebecca Schanberg & Susanne Suffredin	10/22	7:00pm	Power Rogers & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom
H1N1: Prevention & Policy	10/26	12:00-1:00pm	Room 1102, Corboy Law Center
Health Care Disparities: Effectiveness, Rationing and the Road to the Future	11/06	8:15am-2:45pm	Power Rogers & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom

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While we may not be able to control all that happens to us, we can control what happens inside us.
~ Benjamin Franklin

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