CSO Summer Hours:

We’re here all summer, so take advantage of whatever downtime you have to meet with your counselor to update your resume, revamp your cover letter or get some interviewing tips. If you’re out of town and want to discuss an issue over the phone, we can do that too. Don’t be a stranger! (312) 915-7160 or law-career@luc.edu

GOING BEYOND OCI

As summer programs remain smaller than they were pre-recession, some firms are not spending the time and resources to interview on campus. In addition, many firms are steering away from resume collects as they believe these collects become ‘resume dumps’ where students blindly submit their resumes to several firms without having adequately researched each law firm to determine if they are truly interested in what a particular firm has to offer. Instead, law firm recruiters have mentioned the importance of interested students doing write-ins, as they believe that students who take the initiative to explore their web site, fit the parameters (rankings, journals, moot court, etc.) of what they are looking for, and express a genuine interest and knowledge in what they do, have a better chance of getting an interview than those students who blindly send the same cover letter to dozens of law firms.

What does this mean for you? It means taking the time to study firms’ web sites and learning what practice areas they cover, reading the career link on a firm’s site to see what skills they are looking for and whether your credentials are within the parameters of what a firm wants, and then lastly, and most importantly, drafting a killer cover letter that expresses why your skills could be a benefit to that particular firm. Tailoring a letter to a specific firm certainly takes more time and energy than simply sending off a “one size fits all” letter, but in the end, the benefit of expressing your sincere interest in a firm will outweigh the time it takes to draft the letter.

Spend time over the summer to research firms and think about where you might want to apply. Draft a strong cover letter, and feel free to have your career counselor review it.

Again, don’t write-off write-ins; they could be the RIGHT way to get an interview at those firms you are most interested in! These websites will help you get started: [http://www.luc.edu/law/career/internal/law_firm_resources.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/internal/law_firm_resources.html) and [http://www.nalp.org/nalpdirectoryoflegalemployers](http://www.nalp.org/nalpdirectoryoflegalemployers)

Fall On-Campus Interviewing: Important Information

- **All registration for OCI will be conducted from July 9—July 20, 2012**
- Interviews begin August 20, 2012—**THE WEEK BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN!**
- OCI emails will come from law-oci@luc.edu, so be sure to check your email frequently!
- Prepare for OCI by [updating your resume and scheduling a mock interview](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/services/careercenter/howto/oci) with your counselor.
- **Read the OCI information on the CSO website at:** [http://www.luc.edu/law/career/students/oci_students.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/students/oci_students.html)
- Note that most OCI employers are seeking students in the top of their class and that a small minority of students get jobs through the OCI program.

**Questions? Email:** law-oci@luc.edu
**Public Interest News**

**Fellowship Deadlines:** For 3Ls interested in pursuing public interest work, post-graduate fellowships offer a wonderful opportunity to begin your career. Many public interest fellowship applications start in the early fall and require advance planning. Information on Equal Justice Works, Skadden and other fellowship programs is available on PSLawNet and on our website: http://www.luc.edu/law/career/fellowships.html. (username: student, password: loyolaonline).

**U.S. Department of Justice: Attorney General's Honors Program**
*Honors Program Application Process* - A DOJ representative will explain their office’s Honors Program application process and answer your questions.
Wed., August 29 from 12-1 in Room 727
Applications open July 31, 2012 Application deadline September 4, 2012

**Arizona Handbook of Government Honors Programs**
Many federal agencies have honors programs to hire recent graduates with deadlines in the fall of the 3L year. Learn more about these types of programs: https://www.law.arizona.edu/career/GovHonors11-12/tablecontents.cfm
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**Job Postings:**
We continue to receive job postings for summer positions so keep checking Symplicity if you are looking. If you get an interview and want help preparing for it, call the office and schedule an interview prep session with your counselor. Our telephone number is (312) 915-7160.

**Grade Points & Class Ranks:**
Each summer we receive calls from students asking when they will receive grade points and class ranks. The Registrar informs us that **GPAs and ranks are available now and have been sent to you.** We also often get the question: **May I round up my GPA on my resume?** You should always use the GPA the Registrar's Office gives you, e.g. 3.167 (use all four numbers) - do not round up.

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**JULY JOB FAIR DEADLINES**

**Boston Lawyers Group Minority Job Fair**
August 1, 2012
Sheraton Boston Hotel; Boston, MA
Registration site: https://law-blg-csm.symplicity.com/students
Registration Deadline: July 6, 2012

**Impact Career Fair for Law Students & Attorneys with Disabilities**
August 3, 2012
Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport; Arlington, VA
Registration site: [http://www.law.arizona.edu/impact/studentregistrationintro.cfm](http://www.law.arizona.edu/impact/studentregistrationintro.cfm)
Registration Deadline: July 8

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**Labeling PDFs & Other Attachments in Emails to Employers:**
Label all materials that you attach to emails clearly. Include your name, the name of the document you are sending and the date (i.e. SusieStudentResume06-2011).

If you plan to email several documents, consider creating one PDF with all of your documents in it and emailing that to the recipient. **Label it:** SusieStudentApplicationMaterials06-2011. Then the recipient will have only one document (PDF) to open.
**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Nicole M. Churchill ’09**
Center for Law and Social Work, Chicago, IL

**Why did you attend law school and become a lawyer?**
I went to law school because I wanted to practice Child Law. What I didn’t understand at the time was the plethora of career paths within that field. I spent most of my time in law school trying to narrow down my options (and still am).

**What is a typical day like for you?**
I spent a year and a half after law school as a staff attorney with the Center for Law and Social Work (CLSW), handling adoptions, guardianships, and back-up planning cases. Last March, CLSW offered me a position as the Court Liaison for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Post Adoption and Guardianship Services Unit, where I’ve been since. I assist in disrupted guardianship cases at Cook County Juvenile Court. I spend my days attending court, participating in mediations, conducting home visits, and coordinating between families and professionals.

**What do you like the most about being a lawyer/your job?**
My job is certainly non-traditional for an attorney and I struggled with accepting a position where I no longer practice law. But I was ready for a change and at the end of the day, I’m still in a court environment being exposed to legal ideas and I’m learning a lot about future career paths. There’s some freedom to being in court without having to make an argument and being able to absorb the different styles of attorneys and judges. And I get to work really closely with families, which is very fulfilling.

**How important has networking been in your practice/career?**
Networking has been and continues to be incredibly important. Every professional opportunity I’ve had has been the result of a relationship that I’d already developed. I wish I’d understood while I was still in law school how important these connections would be.

**What have you noticed about your graduating class since graduation?**
I stay in touch with quite a few of my classmates and it amazes me how divergent our career paths have been. We all took the same degree and did very different things with it. We're only a few years out, so I'll be interested to see where we all end up.

**How do you balance your work life with your home life?**
My work life and home life are pretty well balanced since I work a traditional schedule. I always knew I wouldn’t do well in a billable hours environment and so far I’ve been able to avoid it. I cherish my free time!

**Which Chicago restaurant is your favorite?**
I live in the West Loop, which has exploded with great new restaurants over the past few years. I especially love all of the Paul Kahan establishments, like Publican and Blackbird.

**What are you currently listening to on your IPOD?**
I'm listening to a podcast of NPR's "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" It’s how I make it through most mornings!

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**Fall 2012 Externships**

For students interested in participating in the Fall Externship program, you must secure an externship placement and complete the Registration Form and Honors Statement by August 1, 2012.

See the externship website for details:
http://www.luc.edu/law/career/externships.html