Health Care Coverage Beyond Graduation
In recent days, several of you have expressed concern about losing your health insurance after you graduate. The Office of Career Services has investigated two options that are briefly explained below. It is very important that you review these options carefully and talk to representatives at United Healthcare to determine which option is best for you. After you’ve had a chance to look at the information on United Healthcare’s website (links provided below) call United Healthcare at 1 (800) 964-4698 with your questions. The ABA health insurance plan is less expensive than the Loyola plan but there are many issues to consider beyond cost when deciding which plan is best for you, so read each plan carefully.

(1) Loyola law students who are currently enrolled in Loyola’s health insurance plan (through United Healthcare) may continue coverage for six months beyond graduation. However, you must request continuation of coverage (enroll) no later than 31 days from the date your current policy expires. To request continuation of your health care coverage, go to United Healthcare’s website at: https://www.uhcsr.com, find your school’s plan and click on the “2008 Enrollment Form – Continuation” link to see the monthly premiums and to enroll. If you have questions, call the telephone number provided above.

(2) The ABA Law Student Division also offers health insurance to students. YOU MUST BECOME A LAW STUDENT MEMBER OF THE ABA TO BE ELIGIBLE. The cost of membership is $25.00 per year. If you currently have health insurance through the ABA, you may continue your health care coverage for up to one year provided you currently carry this plan and no lapse in coverage occurs between the date of graduation and the first day of the one-year extension. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE ABA, you may obtain it by becoming an ABA law student member and enrolling prior to graduating or no later than May 15, 2009, whichever occurs first. Students may view the health plan benefits at https://www.uhcsr.com/ABA.

Deferring Your Student Loan Payments
Joe Donahue held several sessions in mid-April to answer the many questions third year students have at this time of year about postponing student loan payments. Joe recommends talking to him about your particular situation. In the meantime, he has provided information below that you may find helpful.

Private loans are different than federal loans and each lender has different rules. Private loans generally have a 9-month grace period before going into repayment. There is not an automatic process for getting a loan deferment or forbearance on private loans. You will need to request either one and hope the company is willing to grant it - there are no guarantees. If you have a job but the start date has been postponed – the fact that you have a job may help. Interest will accumulate while you are not paying the loan and the interest will be capitalized when you start making payments.

Students should contact their borrowers, ask questions and do not take ‘no’ for an answer. When students visit Joe, he always goes to the lender’s website and prints out all the forms available or calls to see what the steps are and then explains them to the student. Since each lender is different and each student’s situation is different, it helps to meet with Joe in person. Schedule a meeting with him by calling 312-915-6006.

3Ls Who Have Been Deferred: Public Interest Internship Opportunities
Third year students who want to volunteer at a public interest organization during their deferral period can search for organizations that offer volunteer internship positions two places: PILI and PSLawNet.

The Public Interest Law Initiative - a Chicago-based public interest organization has a list of opportunities for law students who have been deferred. To learn more, go to PILI’s website at http://www.pili-law.org/lawfirmrotationprograms.htm - where you will find a rolling list of agencies that are accepting extended placements.

PSLawNet.org also has an online list of public interest opportunities for deferred 3L students. You can search according to city, state, type of work you want to do, etc.

To search for potential opportunities on PSLawNet:
(1) Create a Job Seeker account. Go to the www.pslawnet.org and under "New User" click on the "Job Seekers" link on the right side of the page. Registration for PSLawNet is free for Loyola law students and alumni.

(2) Once you are logged into your new homepage you can begin searching for opportunities. On the left side of your homepage you will see a red and golden box called "UserOptions" click on "Search Opportunities." This will take you to a job searching template. PSLawNet has created a special category of job postings for deferred associates under the job type "law firm associate host." By searching jobs in this category, you will find a variety of opportunities created specifically for deferred associates. Make your selections and then submit and you should see the organizations that are taking 3Ls who have been deferred. You’ll need to call them to learn more about the specifics of each opportunity.

Please note that the Office of Career Services will be open all summer!
If you need to speak with a counselor & would like to schedule an appointment, contact our office at law-career@luc.edu or 312-915-7160.

Summer Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Participating in the Patent Program?  
Make note of these deadlines!

- **May 11**: Student bidding deadline
- **June 16**: Initial interview schedules available on Symplicity
- **June 16-21**: Cancellation period
- **June 24**: Final interview schedules available on Symplicity (including interviews scheduled for students with “alternate” status)
- **July 30-31**: Patent Law Interview Program @ the Embassy Suites Hotel

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- **July 1**: Bidding begins on Symplicity at 9:00 a.m. CST
- **July 15**: Bidding ends at 5:00 p.m. CST, Registration form due in the Career Services Office
- **July 22**: Check Symplicity to find out if any of your bids have been canceled due to ineligibility
- **August 5**: Initial interview schedules available on Symplicity
- **August 5-6**: Student cancellation period
- **August 10**: Final interview schedules available on Symplicity
- **August 17**: On-Campus Interviews begin

**Job Fair Deadlines by Date**

Links to job fairs at: http://www.luc.edu/law/career/pdfs/2009_JOB_FAIR_LIST.pdf

- **St. Louis Diversity Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: May 8
  - Job Fair dates: August 14-15
- **Northwest Minority Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: May 15
  - Job Fair date: September 26
- **Cook County Bar Association Minority Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: May 15
  - Job Fair date: August 21
- **Council on Legal Education Opportunity Diversity Job Fair**
  - Registration dates: May 2–21
  - Job Fair date: June 9
- **ABA Law Student Division Career Fair**
  - Registration deadline: May 29
  - Career Fair dates: July 29–August 4
- **2nd Annual ABA National Conference on the Employment of Lawyers with Disabilities**
  - Early bird registration until June 1
  - Conference dates: June 15-16
- **National Black Prosecutors Association Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: June 11
  - Job Fair date: July 21
- **Bay Area Diversity Career Fair**
  - Registration deadline: June 15
  - Career Fair dates: August 7-8
- **Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: June 20
  - Job Fair dates: August 7-8
- **IMPACT Career Fair**
  - Registration deadline: July 5 @ 11:59 p.m.
  - Career Fair date: August 7
- **Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: July 10
  - Job Fair dates: August 6-7
- **Boston Lawyers Group Minority Job Fair**
  - Registration deadline: July 17
  - Job Fair date: August 13

**Public Interest Fellowships**

Attention all rising 3Ls:
Many of the Public Interest Fellowships for post-graduate work have deadlines in the early fall and require planning over the summer.

For example, the Skadden Fellowship Program and the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program both have deadlines in the fall. If you would like more information on these programs and how to apply please visit http://www.luc.edu/law/career/Fellowship_Informati.html

Questions? Feel free to contact Maureen Looker!

**Government Honors Programs**

Many federal government employers begin the hiring process for summer and post-graduate positions in the early fall (September-October).

A wonderful resource for learning more about the various government programs and their deadlines is the University of Arizona Government Honors & Internship Handbook.

It can be accessed at: http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm
(Username: nutter; Password: butter)

It will be updated over the summer with the deadlines for the 2009 Hiring Season.