A Message from Assistant Dean Deagle:

Dear Students:

Welcome to Volume 1 of the Office of Career Services newsletter. The newsletter is intended to provide you with helpful information about upcoming career-related programming, Chicago-area job-related events, job advice from Loyola alumni, and job tips from the Job Goddess. The newsletter will be published and sent to you each month. You will also be able to look at it on our website under “Current Students.”

As many of you know, I came on board as Assistant Dean last December. Since then, there have been many exciting changes in the office. Maureen Looker and Mary Beth Wynn joined us as Associate Directors last spring and have done much in a very short period of time to get to know the students and to improve the services we provide. Maureen has worked hard to assist students who are interested in Government, Public Interest and Judicial Clerkship opportunities. She overhauled the Judicial Clerkship application process this year, making it a first-rate program our students and the law school can be proud of. Immediately after arriving in April, Mary Beth revamped and managed the On-Campus Interview Program, which was in dire need of tender loving care and spearheaded many of the important changes that resulted in the success of Loyola’s 2007 Patent Law Interview Program. Debbi Gutman, the veteran in the office works primarily with Loyola alumni and on special projects. Deb’s career services experience and her institutional knowledge have been enormously helpful. And, of course, our Recruiting Coordinator, Alissa Holteman, the creative and technical brains in the office, worked tirelessly on the Patent Law Interview Program to make it a success and continues to work to improve our website and job posting database, among many other services our office provides.

The Office of Career Services is committed to assisting all Loyola law students and alumni with career planning. We are here to discuss your career goals, explore the many and varied applications of a legal education and help you make the transition to a professional career. We provide a number of programs and services, including: (1) individual and group career planning sessions, (2) workshops on resume writing, job search strategies and other career-related topics, (3) interview skills training, (4) panel discussions on career choices in the public, private and alternative sectors, (5) information regarding career fairs, internships, fellowships and clerkship programs, among many others. We invite you to call us at (312) 915-7160 to make an appointment for a one-on-one session with one of us.

Marianne Deagle, Assistant Dean

What Last Week’s Wall Street Journal Said:

We’ve had a number of students visit our office recently with concerns about their job prospects in light of a recent Wall Street Journal article detailing the tight legal job market [http://online.wsj.com/article/SB119040786780835602.html]. This article couldn’t have come at a better time – because if you are a 2L concerned about finding a job for this summer or a 3L worried about finding a job after graduation, now is the time to take action. And the Career Services Office is here to help.

One of the most basic tools for your job search is your resume – so if you haven’t had yours reviewed by our office, make an appointment for a resume review. But simply cold mailing your resume out to firms is not the most effective or efficient way to job search, so make sure that you talk to one of us about job search and networking strategies.

True networking is not just calling on people when you are looking for a job – it is identifying people in the field you want to practice in and learning from them about how to get where you want to go.

Not sure what field you want to practice in? We’re also here to help you define your career goals and identify practice areas that might be right for you. In addition to the resources on picking practice areas that we have available in the office, we scheduled a program for October 24th at 12:00 noon in Rubloff Auditorium called “10 Questions to Ask Yourself Before Choosing a Practice Area.”

So if hearing that high-paying jobs are not a given just because you’ve earned a JD is an unwelcome reality check, don’t waste time and energy stressing about it – put your time and energy to better use defining your career goals and making a plan to reach them. Your job prospects have much more to do with the initiative and dedication you show in pursuing job opportunities than with national employment statistics. So make an appointment to meet with one of us to devise a plan.

Do we wish that we were sending you out into a rosier job market? Of course. But we’re also here to help you with the one that you will actually face.

Upcoming Career Services Events

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http://www.luc.edu/law/career/index.html
Ask the Job Goddess: Career Advice Column

Dear Job Goddess,

Ever since I started using e-mail I’ve forgotten how to stick stamps on envelopes (well, almost). It seems to me that it would be so much easier to e-mail cover letters and resumes to law firms rather than to send these via snail mail, especially since so many law firms now have web sites that let you e-mail them directly. How do employers feel about this?

Dear Student,
The Job Goddess posed your question to a number of legal employers, most of whom feel this way about e-mail: While it is perfectly fine for informal correspondence, like a note to an alum from your school asking for advice about breaking into the legal market in their city, or inviting a friend of a friend out for a cup of coffee to pick their brain about being an entertainment lawyer, it’s probably too informal for your standard cover letter. If you think about the e-mail you receive, you’ll note that they tend to fall into the “just a quick question” category. Formal correspondence over the Internet is just a little bit off-putting, at least right now.

Eternally yours,
The Job Goddess

(Excerpt from The Best of The Job Goddess, by Kimm Alayne Walton, J.D.)

Attention 1Ls:

Because of NALP guidelines, we can’t officially talk to you until November 1, but we wanted to make sure that you were aware of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law Young Alumni — 1L Mentoring Program. This program provides support to students in their first year of law school in order to help them achieve greater academic success during their law school experience.

Please visit http://www.luc.edu/law/alumni/mentoring_program.html to learn more about the program or to sign up!

See you November 1st!

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

• Student Update: 3L Tim Brennan has accepted a Judicial Clerkship for the fall of 2008 with Judge Arenas, Chief Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court of Puerto Rico.

• OCI Resume Collect Deadline: The Office of the Public Defender, 13th Judicial Circuit, Tampa, FL has requested a resume collect from 3L students interested in working as Assistant Public Defenders after graduation. You must deliver a hard copy of your resume, cover letter, and transcript to the Office of Career Services by Monday, October 29 to be considered.

• Symplicity Spotlight: The United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review is in need of Judicial Interns for the Winter/Spring semester of 2008.

Please log onto Symplicity (http://law-luc-csm.symplicity.com/students) to view this and other great job opportunities.

Stop by to check out our books and resources or to make an appointment with one of our counselors.

Hours of Operation:
Monday 8:30am-5pm
Tuesday 8:30am-5pm
Wednesday 8:30am-7pm
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