### Celebrate Pro Bono Week—October 26-30!

The Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation will sponsor Chicago’s Fifth Annual Pro Bono Week from October 26-30, 2009, to honor lawyers’ pro bono efforts and to educate the public and the legal community about how these lawyers are improving the lives of the less fortunate.

Visit [www.chicagobarfoundation.org/pro-bono-week](http://www.chicagobarfoundation.org/pro-bono-week) for more information about Pro Bono Week and upcoming events.

### Interested in a Public Interest Career?

Schedule an appointment with Maureen Kieffer to review your resume or cover letter, get advice on interviewing with a government agency or a public interest organization, discuss ways to gain experience during law school, and learn about funding opportunities for public interest summer employment. Set up an appointment with Maureen by calling 312-915-7160 or emailing law-career@luc.edu.

For information about volunteer opportunities, see Mary Bird, Director of Public Service Programs. Mary’s office is Room 1355 in 25 E. Pearson, and she can be reached via email at mbird1@luc.edu.

### The CBA Young Lawyers Section Pro Bono & Community Service Fair

**Thursday, October 29, 2009**  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
**Hosted by Kirkland & Ellis, 300 N. LaSalle Street**

The Pro Bono & Community Service Fair is a great opportunity for Chicago lawyers and law students to make connections with a broad cross-section of Chicago’s pro bono and community service programs, learn about volunteer opportunities, and network with likeminded individuals.

**RSVP to yls@chicagobar.org if you plan to attend!**

### Explore the Possibilities: Pro Bono & Public Interest Law Placements

Attendees will hear from panelists who worked at public interest organizations during law school, have the opportunity to have their resume critiqued, and meet in small group mentoring sessions with seasoned pro bono & public interest attorneys.

**October 17, 2009 | 8:30 a.m.**  
**John Marshall Law School Student Lounge**  
Advance registration is required by October 9th by emailing rsvp@pili-law.org.

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Save the Date! Meet the Public Interest Organizations Reception

Don’t miss this great opportunity to meet and network with representatives from a variety of government agencies and public interest organizations from Chicagoland and beyond.

When: November 5, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.
Where: 25 E. Pearson, Kasbeer Hall (15th Floor)

All law students are invited to attend!

Quick Resume Tips—Avoid Common Mistakes

Resume Advice from Associate Director, Mary Beth Wynn

- **Know the name of your degree**
  You are pursuing a Juris Doctor (J.D.), not a Juris Doctorate.

- **Do not include date ranges for schools from which you received a degree**
  Simply include the date of the degree immediately following the title of the degree as in: Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Juris Doctor, May 2009

- **Do not include an Objective, Skills Summary, Position Sought or other introductory section**
  The correct place for information about the type of position you are seeking and how your skills match the job is your cover letter.

- **Do not include a section for computer skills**
  It is presumed that you are familiar with Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc. If you worked as a paralegal or as an engineer prior to law school and are familiar with specific software, include that in your work experience section, not in a separate skills section.

- **Dean’s List**
  You make the Dean’s List, not the Deans List.

- **Regarding awards, honors, activities, etc.**
  Incorporate them under the appropriate school entry rather than in a separate section.

Meet the Alums Reception

The Loyola University Chicago School of Law Board of Governors will host a reception on November 17th at the University Club as an opportunity for 2L and 3L students to network with many law school alumni.

Don’t miss this great opportunity to meet and network with alums working in a variety of different practice areas throughout the Chicagoland legal community!

When: November 17, 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Where: The University Club, 76 E. Monroe

ABA Judicial Intern Opportunity Program

The Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship program open to all first- or second-year minority and/or financially disadvantaged law students who want to do legal research and writing for state or federal judges in participating cities.

Visit [http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop](http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop) for more info.

Presidential Management Fellowship Program

Students graduating in 2010 are eligible to apply. Go to [www.pmf.opm.gov](http://www.pmf.opm.gov) to learn more about this program.

Applications will be accepted October 1-15 via [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). After filling out the application, a nomination form will generate. Print & fill out the nomination form and drop off a copy of your resume with the Office of Career Services no later than October 15th.
Alumni Spotlight: Anne Fung, Class of 2002

As a social worker prior to law school, I came to Loyola knowing that I wanted to practice public interest law. After clerking for Federal Magistrate Morton Denlow, and experiencing small firm litigation for a year, I accepted a position at the Office of the State Appellate Defender (OSAD) in the First District. OSAD has five offices throughout the state—one for each appellate district. Although the First District is the largest, all are very active offices.

The role of an assistant defender is to represent clients who wish to appeal their conviction and who cannot afford an attorney. As a result, the large majority of OSAD’s clients are incarcerated. The attorney reviews the entire trial record looking for appellate issues and drafts a brief before the Illinois Appellate Court on the viable appealable issues. The same attorney is the one who argues the appeal if oral argument is requested by the appellate court.

In general, the attorney who is originally assigned to the case will follow that case throughout the appellate process to all tribunals, including, the Illinois Supreme Court, the federal courts, and the United States Supreme Court, if applicable. Although to some people appellate work may seem unexciting, for those who enjoy research and writing, it may very well be a good fit. Below are a few tips to consider when choosing a career path fresh out of law school.

• Even though you may know what type of law you want to practice, consider the forum or format. If you enjoy research and writing more than standing before a court or interacting with opposing counsel, appellate work may be a better fit over litigation.
• Even though you begin your career in one practice area, it doesn’t mean you can’t move into something different in a short time. When I worked at the litigation firm, I was involved in trial litigation of many cases, but I also wrote several appellate briefs and realized I truly enjoyed it.
• It may be difficult to find your dream position right out of law school, especially in a down market. Regardless of your feelings about where you are working, work hard and make a great impression. The Chicago legal world is a big, small town. You never know when your dream job might open up, or a connection that you weren’t aware of will come through for you.
• At the beginning of your legal career, every experience is a learning experience. Even if a position is not what you ultimately want to be doing, realize that you will learn practice techniques that you will take elsewhere.

If you would like more information about my career path or advice, please feel free to email me at Fung238@hotmail.com

Attention 1L Students

• Throughout October, Marianne Deagle, Assistant Dean for Career Services, will be meeting with your legal writing sections to introduce herself and to tell you more about how the career services office can assist you in your job search both during and after law school.

• On October 27th @ 12:00 p.m. and October 28th @ 5:30 p.m., the Office of Career Services will be holding your 1L Career Services Orientations. Attendance at one session is mandatory for all 1L students. At these sessions, you will learn about all of the useful resources to help you find law jobs, be introduced to the Career Services staff, and receive your Career Services handbook.

ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section
Career Panel

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will be hosting a program on October 1st to help guide students as they begin their legal career.

A panel of associates and partners from various Chicago firms will share their experiences in the tort, trial, and insurance fields.

When: October 1st @ 5:00 p.m.
Where: 25 E. Pearson, Ceremonial Courtroom (10th Floor)
Food & drinks will be provided.

ABA Career Day
October 14th at Loyola

Meet & Greet with ABA Members
Nina’s place, 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Meet ABA representatives and become an ABA student member.

Resume Review
13th Floor Student Lounge, 1:30—3:30 p.m.
Have your resume reviewed by a practicing attorney.

ABA Legal Careers Program & Networking Reception
Ceremonial Courtroom @ 4:00 p.m.
Meet and network with practicing attorneys from the Chicagoland area.