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Career Corner

Career Tips

«La Vida es Corta, pero Ancha»

By Pamela Hyland

“Life is short, but it’s wide.”
 Not only is this true in life, it’s also true in your job search. Think broadly as you explore the legal profession and expose yourself to as many practice areas, geographic regions, and practice settings as you can.

Students often come to law school with no clear idea of what they hope to do with their Juris Doctor. That’s not unusual and it’s perfectly okay. You have this time to explore, to ask questions, to think about your own personal preferences and rewards, and to decide what area of the law you will pursue. However, it makes sense for you to learn as much as you can about all different practice areas, both because you don’t want to miss an interesting one and because you’ll be referring clients to attorneys in many other practice areas once you begin your legal career.

Geographic region is another consideration where thinking broadly can be a wise course. You can use your summers to explore an intriguing but unknown region – you might be pleasantly surprised by the

quality of life in other cities. After graduation, judicial clerkships are another opportunity to explore a new location for a defined period of time while gaining additional legal experience. Many other areas of the state or the country are less competitive for clerkships as well as being pleasant places to live.

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Keeping a broad perspective about practice settings makes sense, too. Consider additional practice settings such as government, private firm, public interest and in-house. Many legal specialties can be practiced in more than one setting, giving you more than one perspective on the topic. It also widens dramatically the number of possible job opportunities in your field.

Want to make an appointment with a career counselor?
 Call the CSO Front Desk at (415) 565-4619.

This Week's Events

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

3:40-4:30pm

Panel & Workshop/Room F

Career Options in Public Interest Law

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

12:40-1:30pm

Workshop/Room F

Dynamite Resumes and Cover Letters

Friday, January 26, 2007

12:40-1:30pm

Workshop/Room K

Using HastingsCareers.com and the Internet to Find a Great Job

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT:

Thursday, January 25, 2007
3:40 – 5:00pm/Clara Foltz Lounge

Kimm Walton's "Guerilla Tactics for Finding the Legal Job of Your Dreams"

Whether you're looking for a summer clerkship or your first permanent job after school, this seminar will get you exactly where you want to go!

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Everyday, the Career Services Office receives new listings. Log onto hastingscareers.com and check often for new postings. Just a few highlights:

SPRING POSITIONS

The Armstrong Law Firm, Law Clerk. For all aspects of a plaintiff's employment discrimination practice to work Tuesdays and Thursdays. Can go to Court for hearings attend depositions, draft complaints and discovery requests, letters, do new client intakes, talk to opposing counsel as well as marketing and administrative tasks. Best suited for someone who is truly interested in representing plaintiffs against all of the largest defense firms in SF and nationwide. Looking for someone who is very intelligent, confident and a self-starter, resourceful and efficient. Unpaid. **Materials Requested:** E-mail or fax (415) 928-1294 resume and cover letter. **Years Required:** 2L, 3L **Contact:** Kelly Armstrong at kellyalaw@aol.com. **Deadline:** 2/28/07

SUMMER POSITIONS

Bradshaw & Associates, PC Summer Associates. *Looking for 2 enthusiastic summer associates wanting high level responsibility & heavy client contact.* **Years Requested:** 2L, **Requirements:** *Excellent academic credentials, writing and oral advocacy skills, and a strong work*

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ethic. Willing to train bright, creative minds and compensate for success. Preference given to judicial externs, interns or clerks. **Materials Requested:** *cover letter, resume, writing sample and references.* **Contact:** *Human Resources* hr@bradshawassociates.com. **Deadline:** 4/15/07.

Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, SF.

Summer Law Clerk Program.

Years Required: 1L, 2L with interest in litigation or immigration matters. (Volunteer Law Clerk 1yr position) Will assist in litigation by coordinating documents, reviewing testimony, drafting briefs and memos, and generating litigation summaries. Will have the opportunity to attend administrative legal proceedings and fraud detection interviews as part of the summer exp. May 28-August 10 (10 week requirement). **Materials Requested:** resume, transcript (official or unofficial) and a writing sample, limit 10 pages. **Contact:** Eileen Keenan, Asst. Chief Counsel, US Dept of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Counsel, 120 Montgomery St., Ste. 200, San Francisco, CA 94104. **Deadline:** 2/2/07

Alumni Mentor Program Orientation

Friday, January 26, 2007
12:40 – 1:30pm

Advanced Sign Up Required!

Sign up on
hastingscareers.com