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# Career Corner

## “Slowwww Job Search”

By Pamela Hyland

Sometimes the job search can seem absolutely endless, as if you’ve been looking for half your life! Well, half your life as a law student, anyway. Happily, there are some easy ways to jump-start a slow job search and to keep yourself on track.

Decide how much time you can afford to devote to the job search and schedule it each week. Don’t let other activities invade this dedicated Job Search Time.

Keeping good records of which employers you have applied to, when you’ve called them to follow up, and what you said to each employer is essential. Tracking your progress will keep you on task and will give you a sense of accomplishment.

If your search has been in a single city or a single practice area, it’s time to branch out. Think about other towns or counties where you would be willing to work and practice areas that might give you essential skills, even if they are not in your dream practice or your preferred location.

Are you taking advantage of all the ways there are to find jobs? Job seekers sometimes think that responding to ads is good but

somewhere between 80% and 90% of all jobs are never advertised so you must apply directly to those employers or network your way into those openings. Think about where you’d like to work and approach them directly. Also, who are their competitors? – if one firm or company would hire you, likely a similar organization would, too. Don’t forget to tell everyone – from faculty to fellow students to family and friends to former employers – that you are looking for a job. All employers are within the famous “six degrees of separation,” and many are far closer than that!

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Scheduling standing appointments with CSO counselors is another way to stay on track, to have someone to whom you are accountable, and to enlist us to help you actively with your job search.

You can accelerate your slow job search and fast-track your way to a great job!



Want to make an appointment with a career counselor?

Call the CSO Front Desk at (415) 565-4619.

### 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:

### SUMMER POSITIONS

**The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.** Criminal Law Division, Appeals, Writs and Trials Section (Fresno-AWT) in Fresno, has openings for two full-time paid interns/law clerks for Summer 2007. Students will draft Respondent's Briefs that are filed in the California Court of Appeal for the Fifth Appellate District in appeals from felony convictions. This involves reviewing the record on appeal, conducting research, analyzing

legal issues, and developing arguments. Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Paid Position. **Years Required:** 2Ls and 3Ls who have had criminal law, evidence, criminal procedure and constitutional law. **Deadline:** 5/4/07 **Materials Required:** Submit a cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial is acceptable), short (3-5 pages) writing sample and 2-3 references to [connie.proctor@doj.ca.gov](mailto:connie.proctor@doj.ca.gov).

**Justia, Inc.** is looking for excellent written communication skills, experience with legal writing, familiarity with the Internet and attentiveness to detail. Project involves writing content for legal Web sites. Work can be conducted remotely. Paid Position. **Years Required:** Alum/1-2, 2L, 3L, Alum/3-5, Alum/Recent, Alum/Not Admitted. **Deadline:** 5/1/07. **Materials Requested:** Resume and Cover Letter to [jobs@justia.com](mailto:jobs@justia.com).

**VIZ Media LLC** SF- based Multi-media company looking for a law student that has some interest in new technologies, has some business background or, alternatively, has an interest in online business and anti-piracy issues. Headquartered in San Francisco, CA, VIZ Media, LLC (VIZ Media) is a leader in the publishing

and distribution of Japanese manga for English speaking audiences in North America and a global licensor of Japanese animation. Paid position: 10-15/hr., depending on experience. **Years Required:** 2L, 3L. **Deadline:** 4/24/07. **Materials Requested:** Apply Online.

### GRADUATING 3L

**The San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association** will award one scholarship to finance a bar review course for a current third-year law student who has committed to working for a Bay Area organization serving the Latino community after the completion of the bar exam. **Years required:** 3L **Deadline:** 3/29/07. **Materials Requested:** See Career Services Job Binder or search through La Raza online profile for online application.

## This Week's Events:

### **Minority Attorneys in Practice**

Tuesday, March 20  
3:40-4:30pm  
Panel/Room F

### **Summer Funding Options and HPILF Summer Grant Workshop**

Wednesday, March 21  
12:40-1:30pm; Room F

### **Effective Salary/Benefits Negotiation**

Friday, March 23  
12:40-1:30pm  
Workshop/Room K

### **Alumni Mentor Program Orientation**

Wednesday, March 21  
12:40 – 1:30pm  
Room 308, 198 Bldg.

### **Advanced Sign Up Required!**

Sign up on [HastingsCareers.com](http://HastingsCareers.com)  
(AMP orientations are scheduled every week.)