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Contact Us

To make an appointment with a Career Services counselor, stop by (we're above the Book Store) or give us a call: 831-1243.

From VLS to Afghanistan As Navy JAG

Alumnus Joe Griffo, a Navy JAG officer in Afghanistan, will speak at VLS on Monday, Nov. 29 at 3:35 in Chase. Griffo '07, a former SBA president, will be talking about how he has applied his VLS education to his current work. His primary mission is to establish rule of law in the Logar and Wardak provinces.

Missed the Talk? Listen to It as a VLS Podcast

New this week from Career Services: many of the talks we co-sponsor will be taped and posted on line as podcasts. Inaugurating this feature is the presentation from Nov. 22 by lawyer Ben Renzo about his career advising professional athletes. To download and listen go to: http://www.vermontlaw.edu/For_Students.htm

Career Strategies

How to Get Law Jobs in the Community and the World

Your End of Semester Check-List

First, Study Hard Because Grades Are Always Important

By Abby Armstrong

As the semester winds down, this is a good time to remind you that there is nothing more important over the next few weeks than preparing for exams.

This is particularly true for 1Ls, since first-year grades can be a

significant factor for a number of different job options. That means you should focus all your attention on finishing the semester as strongly as possible.

On your study breaks, here are some things you should focus on from the point of view of Career Services:

1. Have you met with a career counselor?
2. Is your résumé ready to go?
3. Have you regularly been monitoring job listings on

Symplicity?

4. Have you lined up networking opportunities and informational interviews over the holiday break?
5. Have you attended some Career Services programs this fall?
6. Have you had any practice interviews?
7. If you're a 3L, be sure to talk with a career counselor about where you'll take the bar exam. Each state's deadlines and rules are different.



Corrupt Juvenile Judges

Robert Schwartz of the Juvenile Law Center tells more than 70 1Ls about the largest judicial corruption scandal in the U.S. involving two judges in Luzerne County, PA.

Quick Questions, Quickly Answered: Stop By Chase Breezeway

Career Counselors Abby Armstrong and Misae Nishikura will be holding court on Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 2, from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Chase Breezeway to answer your questions.

As you're heading to lunch or to a meeting, this is the perfect opportunity to stop by and ask that "quick question" you've been meaning to pose to Career Services.

Employers Who Want to Interview VLS Students

Here are just a few of the listings you'll find on Symplicity today. Pay attention to the deadlines.

For full details— and the application requirements — please go to Symplicity: <https://law-vermont-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php?cck=1&au=&ck=>

Employer: Rhode Island State Government Internship Program (Providence, RI)
Job Title: Intern
Who Can Apply: 2L,3L
Deadline Date: 11/30/2010

Employer: Alaska Public Defender Agency (Anchorage, AK)
Job Title: Intern
Who Can Apply: 2L

Deadline Date: 11/30/2010

Employer: Ellis Boxer & Blake (Springfield, VT)
Job Title: Litigation Associate
Who Can Apply: 3L
Deadline Date: 11/30/2010

Employer: Environmental Law Institute
Job Title: 2011-2012 Public Interest Environmental Law Fellowship
Who Can Apply: Graduate/Alumni,LLM,3L
Deadline Date: 12/10/2010

Employer: US Attorney Office - Northern District of Illinois (Chicago, IL)
Job Title: Summer Intern
Who Can Apply: 1L,2L
Deadline Date: 12/13/2010

Look Who's Coming To Campus (or TV)

Dinse, Knapp & McAndrews, Burlington, VT
Deadline: Nov. 22
On campus: TBD

NOAA, St. Petersburg, FL
Deadline: Nov. 22
On campus: Dec. 2

Earthjustice, Tallahassee, FL
Deadline: Nov. 30
Video Interview: TBD

Trustees for Alaska, Anchorage, AK
Deadline: Nov. 30
Video Interview: TBD

Windham County State's Attorney, Brattleboro, VT
Deadline: Jan. 26
On campus: Feb. 11

For full details about these interviews, please go to Symplicity: <https://law-vermont-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php?cck=1&au=&ck=>

Simple Steps to Get You Started on Symplicity

The following steps will help you navigate Symplicity:

Step 1. LOG IN. To log on, type this link into your web browser: <https://law-vermont-csm.symplicity.com/students>. You will be asked for your **user name** and **password**. Your user name is your Vermont Law School email address, and your password has already been provided for you via email. If you've forgotten your password, contact Shelly Parker at sparker@vermontlaw.edu.

Step 2. CREATE YOUR PROFILE. Select the **Profile** tab at the top of the page. You will see the following tabs: *Personal Information, Academic Information, Privacy, Employment, Password/Preferences, and Activity Summary*. Red asterisks indicate required fields.

To move to the next section choose **Save Changes and Continue**. You will have the option of changing your default email address. If you change it, you will receive a confirmation email at your new address. You must reply to that email before you can log on to Symplicity again.

Academic Information. Make sure the 'Year in School' and 'Graduation Date' fields are accurate. Use the drop-down menus. You must choose one or

more areas of law of interest to you under the 'Practice Area' drop down menu. You can choose a maximum of four. *Privacy.* Click on this tab and choose **yes** to receive emails from Career Services. Choose **no** under the 'Promote my resume to Employers' field. We do not use this feature.

Employment. Click on this tab to add information about summer or academic-year positions you have held.

Password/Preferences. Use this tab to change your password. Select the **Save** button once you have made the change.

Step 3. VIEW JOB AND INTERNSHIP POSTINGS. Click on the **Job and Resume Collection** tab. Make sure that the **Jobs** tab in the lower menu is highlighted. Scroll down and all the most recent job and internship postings will be there for you to view. You can narrow the list by entering search criteria in the shaded box and clicking the **Search** button. You can also enter an organization name or city in the **Keywords** box. It is not recommended that you search by practice area.

For full details, see the Symplicity manual: http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Documents/career%20services/20100901_symplicityManual.pdf

Key Online Job Links

Here are links to some of the most often used job search sites:

<https://law-vermont-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php?cck=1&au=&ck=> to sign on to VLS's Symplicity pages

www.nalpdirectory.com for larger law firms

www.pslawnet.org for public interest jobs and fellowships

www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm for federal, state and local governments (user name is pecan and password is sandies)