

Think About A Judicial Clerkship

Career Services will host a panel on Friday, April 8, from 12:45 to 2 in the Map Room on how to get a judicial clerkship. We encourage rising 3Ls to consider applying for post-graduate judicial clerkships.

A clerkship gives you the opportunity to work directly for a judge or judges for one to two years conducting legal research, drafting opinions, analyzing legal issues and observing lots of live court action.

Securing a clerkship can be extremely beneficial -- not only for the experience itself but also for the employment opportunities that clerkships can lead to.

There are a range of clerkship opportunities available, on both the state and Federal levels, as well as in administrative agencies and specialty courts.

Federal clerkships are quite competitive (as are clerkships with state supreme courts). And preparing the application materials requires a fair amount of work. But well-placed applications (with or without journal experience or the highest of grades), can reap rewards. VLS students have had success in landing clerkships, so it is definitely worth doing.

Career Services can help you determine whether a clerkship may be right for you as well as help you navigate the application process. But work needs to be done early -- including lining up letters of recommendation from faculty.

Join us on Friday to explore whether a clerkship is right for you.

Come See Us Tuesdays in Chase

A career counselor will be available in the Chase Breezeway most Tuesdays this semester from noon-1:30pm. Stop by for quick answers to your quick questions on April 5.

Career Strategies

How to Get Law Jobs in the Community and the World



The Key to Finding a Job? Persistence

Hard Work Will Pay Off Even In This Market

By *Abby Armstrong*

We know that a number of you are frustrated about the lack responses from employers and that it is tempting to give up looking for a summer internship.

But at this point in the early spring, it is more important than ever that you follow up on your applications.

Your persistence just might pay off. I recently met with a number of 1L and 2L students who had not heard back from employers. In each case, after they followed up with either an email or a phone call, they were offered positions.

This underscores the reality that employers are just as busy as you are and, in many cases, they appreciate hearing from you because it shows interest on your part, it reaffirms for the employer that you are available, and it enables them to offer you a job on the spot. It won't always work this way, but it is definitely worth trying.

After all, the worst thing that might happen is that the employer will say that the position has been filled.

Here's another important point to keep in mind: it is definitely not too late to apply for summer jobs. Many employers do not actually start thinking about hiring for the summer until the weather warms up. You will be glad you made the effort.

At this point in the spring, here are some



Abby Armstrong give advice to third-year students in Hoff Lounge last week

things you should be doing to ensure your success:

1. Regularly meet with a career counselor to fine-tune your plan and learn about additional opportunities beyond those in [Smplicity](#).
2. Regularly monitor job postings on [Smplicity](#) -- they change daily.
3. Keep an open mind about what kind of work you want to do and where you want to do it. Go where the opportunities are.
4. Be a relentless networker -- whether it's at events on-campus or off. Never

pass up a chance to talk to someone who is a lawyer or who knows a lawyer or might be helpful in finding contacts for you.

5. Closely related to No. 4 is to pursue informational interviews because they can open many doors for you. Particularly helpful might be interviews in the city or region where you hope to work after graduation. Career Services can help you line up contacts.

6. Monitor the on-campus interview schedule. Remember that these are employers who are coming to campus because they want to hire VLS students. You can't beat that.

Career in Elder Law? Join Us on Thursday

If you're interested in learning more about a possible career in elder law, plan to attend a special program on Thursday, April 7, from 12:45 to 2 in the Map Room.

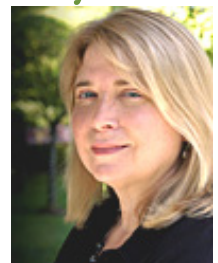
Paula McCann, a VLS alumnus, now a lawyer in private practice, will talk about this special field and why it might appeal to you. Among the factors to consider are whether you're interested in litigation,

protecting the elderly and their property, end of life planning and death with dignity, tax law, international asset tracing and family dynamics.

Paula is in the tax estate planning and probate department of Kenlan, Schwiebert, Facey & Goss in Rutland, VT. Before that she was the director of the Medicare Advocacy Project of Vermont Legal Aid. She has also been in private practice in Denver and worked as a legis-

lative staff member in Congress.

Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Misae Nishikura at mnishikura@vermontlaw.edu.



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*.

Employer: Equal Justice Alliance / FARM (Bethesda, MD)

Job Title: Externships/Internships

Who Can Apply: 1L, 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: April 6, 2011

Employer: Institute for Justice (Arlington, VA)

Job Title: Constitutional Law Fellowship

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: April 15, 2011

Employer: The MinKwon Center for Community Action (Flushing, NY)

Job Title: Foreclosure Legal Intern

Who Can Apply: 1L

Deadline Date: April 15, 2011

Employer: Benari Law Firm, P.C. (Marlton, NJ)

Job Title: Summer Internship

Who Can Apply: 1L, 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: April 15, 2011

Employer: Clean Air Task Force (Boston, MA)

Job Title: Summer Legal Intern

Who Can Apply: 1L, 2L

Deadline Date: April 15, 2011

Employer: National Wildlife Federation (Montpelier, VT)

Job Title: Vermont Linkage Coordinator

(Contractor/Consultant)

Who Can Apply: Graduate/Alumni, MSEL, 3L

Deadline Date: April 15, 2011

Employer: District Department of the Environment (Washington, DC)

Job Title: Bag Bill and Coal Tar Ban Implementation Internship Opportunity

Who Can Apply: Graduate/Alumni, MSEL, LLM, 1L, 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: April 18, 2011

Employer: Vermont League of Cities and Towns Municipal Law Center (Montpelier, VT)

Job Title: Town Manager, Winsor, VT

Who Can Apply: Graduate/Alumni, MSEL, 3L

Deadline Date: April 18, 2011

Employer: U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (Washington, D.C.)

Job Title: 2011-2012 Joseph R. Crapa Fellow

Who Can Apply: Graduate/Alumni, 3L

Deadline Date: April 18, 2011

An Important Bar Rule if You're Planning To Practice in VT

If you hope to be admitted to the bar in Vermont, the Board of Bar Examiners requires that you register your internship in Vermont and the rules are very specific.

One requirement is that to be admitted, you have to have spent 12 weeks as a legal intern with a Vermont lawyer -- sometimes referred to as the "clerkship requirement."

You must fill out a form, signed by your supervisor, and send it with a check within 30 days of the start of your clerkship. You are also required to send in a second form at the completion of your clerkship. If necessary, you can combine two different clerkships to reach the 12 weeks.

For details: www.vermontjudiciary.org and click on Legal Information, then Bar Admissions.

How to Get VLS Business Cards

If you would like to have business cards that use the official VLS fonts, logo and template, Whitman Communications is the vendor. The cost is \$24 per 100. You can do it [online](#).

Friend Us On facebook

Career Services has started to use facebook and Twitter to get out important job information and to stay in touch with students and recent graduates. All current students, but especially 3Ls, are encouraged to "friend" us and "follow" us to get job postings, details about career-related events, and articles and information about job searching.

"Friend" us at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=295128751297>

And follow us on Twitter @vermontlawjobs

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.

Helpful Web Sites for Your Job Search

In addition to the many jobs posted on Symplicity -- and new listings are added almost every day, here are some other sites and links you should check regularly:

* VLS is a member of the Intercollegiate Job Bank, an on-line job newsletter exchange with law schools nationwide. To access these job listings, go to: https://www.law2.byu.edu/Career_Services/jobbank/ (a link to this site is also available on our Symplicity home page). The user name is jobbank; password: postings.

* We subscribe to Environmental Career Opportunities, which lists a range of environmental jobs. The site is password-protected and can be accessed by going to our Symplicity homepage where you will find the link and the password.

* Access the State-by-State Online Resources, under the Resources Section of the Career Services homepage – <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Resources.htm>. These links are currently being updated and will shortly direct you to the job listings at various state and local offices, agencies and organizations.

* For information on jobs with the federal government, see the guide located at http://www.vermontlaw.edu/For_Students.htm.

* Access the International Online Job Resources and Judicial Clerkship Resources under the Resources section of the Career Services homepage.

* The American Bar Association provides information on a range of topics, including job postings, at <http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/>. In addition, there are articles on how to find a job -- <http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/archive.html#find> -- and advice that is specific to this tough economy -- <http://new.abanet.org/economicrecovery/jobsearch.aspx>.

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