

October 21, 2011

Coming Thursday: Special Careers Event for MELPs

Career Services and the Environmental Law Center will host a special professional development program next Thursday for MELPs, with a focus on career options for MELP graduates. The program, from 3:35 p.m. to 5 p.m., will be held in Oakes 208.

Among the alumni panelists—all of whom are MELP only graduates—will be Leigh Henry '98, a Senior Policy Officer with World Wildlife Fund, Mary Russ '01, the Executive Director of the White River Partnership, Aaron Brown '08, the Transportation Management Association Coordinator for Vital Communities, and Matthew Walker '11, who recently completed a 4th semester internship with the Energy Efficiency Division of the Vermont Department of Public Service.

You should plan to stick around after the panel for a reception. If you can't make it to the program, your best option will be to listen to the audio recording, which will be available a few days later.

Learn About Careers In Environmental Enforcement Oct. 28

Kathryn Macdonald, a senior attorney with the Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC, will be on campus next Friday, October 28, to meet with students for a special lunchtime program starting at 12:45 in Oakes 207. (Lunch is included!)

She will be talking about different career opportunities in the department, her section in particular and will also describe her career path and current responsibilities.

Kathryn has supervised many VLS students over the years and will also discuss what she looks for in a summer intern.

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Career Strategies

How to Get Law Jobs in the Community and the World



Welcome Back!

Captain John Shutt, a recruiter for the U.S. Army JAG Corps, interviewed students and did a presentation on JAG careers last Friday, which marked the first time a military recruiter has been on campus in more than 18 years because of the Pentagon's don't ask/don't tell policy. Once the ban on gays in the military was lifted, recruiters were once again invited to campus, as are all other employers who don't discriminate in their hiring. Captain Shutt interviewed a half-dozen students and met with about 25 others during a special lunch-time program. Recruiters from the Marines and Air Force will be on campus later this month.

How to Leverage the Web for Your Brand

You have to assume that before someone interviews you or meets you for the first time, they will check you out with a Google search. Knowing that will happen, you should focus your efforts on making the maximum use of the web to promote your personal brand.

The professional development experts at PricewaterhouseCoopers list 9 steps you should take to focus on your online presence:

1. Google yourself and be sure the results show the image you want to project. If not, take proactive steps to fix that. For instance, you could create one or two social networking profiles and post thoughtful bylined content on the site of an organization you're a member of.
2. E-mail like a pro, always. That means you should answer all emails within 24 hours, with proper spelling, grammar, capitalization and professional etiquette.

3. Double-check your social networking profiles to be sure they convey the professional image you've been building.

4. Become an active user of LinkedIn by setting up a full profile including a professional photo. Connect with everyone you know by uploading your email contacts to link to anyone who's also active on LinkedIn. And be sure to join groups, like your college alumni organization, to build connections.

5. Follow people on Twitter -- recruiters, industry leaders and others -- who may be helpful in your job searches. When appropriate, join the conversation with your comments, especially in areas you're passionate about.

6. Establish online connections with people you've lost touch with. Send them an email to say hello and talk about what you're doing and your job search. Ask if

you can help them, too. These contacts might be former college classmates, former job colleagues or family friends.

7. Constantly update your status on Facebook, LinkedIn or Twitter. At least once a week you should post something that reflects on your personal brand and is career-related. Did you just attend an event? Complete a project? Read an interesting book or article? Share that information.

8. Look for ways to get online bylines. Sharing your point of view can be an effective way to network and to build your brand. Comment about a book on Amazon or write a response to a blog that's related to your interests. You should comment with your real name not a user name.

9. Include links at the end of your emails. Are you on LinkedIn? Be sure to include that link at the end of each email.

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: New York Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau

Job Title: Summer and Academic Internships

Who Can Apply: 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: October 24, 2011

Employer: American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations

Job Title: Law Student Union Summer Intern

Who Can Apply: 2L

Deadline Date: October 24, 2011

Employer: United States Marine Corps

Job Title: Summer Law Program

Who Can Apply: 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: October 26, 2011 (Students must go to the table in Chase on this date)

Employer: The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Job Title: Arctic Fellow

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: October 28, 2011

Employer: Orleans Public Defender's Office

Job Title: Immigration Staff Attorney

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: October 28, 2011

Employer: Energy Trust of Oregon

Job Title: Renewable Energy Project Manager

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: October 28, 2011

Employer: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Office of the General Counsel

Job Title: Summer Law Clerk

Who Can Apply: 2L

Deadline Date: October 28, 2011

Employer: Pacific Legal Foundation

Job Title: Conservative/Libertarian Public Interest Litigation Fellowship

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: October 31, 2011

Employer: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Job Title: Legal Internship (Summer)

Who Can Apply: 2L, 3L

Deadline Date: October 31, 2011

Employer: Thelen, LLP

Job Title: Summer Associate

Who Can Apply: 2L

Deadline Date: October 31, 2011

Employer: The John Marshall Law School

Job Title: Prisoners' Rights Fellowship

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: November 1, 2011

Employer: Harris Center for Conservation Education

Job Title: Executive Director

Who Can Apply: 3L

Deadline Date: November 1, 2011

Look Who's Coming To Campus

USMC (U.S. Marine Corp)

Visitor table in Chase on:

October 26, 2011

Interview Date: October 26, 2011

Windham County State's Attorney Due to Career Services:

November 4, 2011

Interview Date: November 21, 2011

New York Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau Due to Career Services:

October 24, 2011

Interview Date: November 4, 2011

For full details about these on-campus interviews, please go to *Symplicity*

Job Spotlight

Vermont Poverty Law Fellowship - 2 Years

The Vermont Bar Foundation and the Vermont Access to Justice Campaign are pleased to announce the availability of a two-year Vermont Poverty Law Fellowship (VPLF) beginning in August 2012. The VPLF program is designed to allow graduating law students and other new lawyers to help expand the reach of Vermont's existing legal services providers. Funding for salary and benefits will be provided by the Vermont Access to Justice Campaign. Loan forgiveness (up to \$5,000) may be available from the Vermont Bar Foundation.

For full details please go to *Symplicity*

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=&cck=> 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 (username is snicker and password is doodle)

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 username 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/Documents/career%20services/STATEXSTATE.pdf>

- For information on jobs with the federal government, see the guide located at <http://www.vermontlaw.edu/Documents/career%20services/FindingEntryLevelFedJob.pdf>
- 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://www2.americanbar.org/careercenter/Pages/careercenter2.aspx>. In addition, there are articles on how to find a job—<http://www2.americanbar.org/careercenter/Pages/ArticlesResources.aspx>—and advice that is specific to this tough economy -<http://www2.americanbar.org/economicrecovery/default.aspx>.
- Follow us on Twitter @vermontlawjobs and join our facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=295128751297> for up-to-date job postings, programs, information and articles.