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General News

U A LAW STUDENT 6th CIRCUIT GOVERNOR OF ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION

At the American Bar Association 6th Circuit Spring Meeting, Mr. Christopher Y. Chan was elected as the 6th Circuit Governor for the Law Student Division. The ABA has divided the United States into 15 circuits headed by a Circuit Governor. The 6th Circuit Governorship position is responsible for overseeing the activity of all 18 ABA approved law schools in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan. Mr. Chan was elected by SBA Presidents and ABA Student Representatives from schools within the Circuit.

In addition to the election, the spring meeting included a networking event at the House of Blues in Cleveland, guest speakers on Tort Reform, Public Interest Work, Student Loan Repayment, and Entertainment Law, and a community service activity at the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. Nobel Prize nominee and Professor of Law of the Case Western Reserve School of Law, Michael P. Scharf, adjourned the meeting at the Ritz Carlton with private dinner and speech.

Mr. Chan will take over responsibilities from the previous 6th Circuit Governor, Joshua Stan, of the Case Western Reserve School of Law. Mr. Chan is a 1L day student who also serves as the Student Bar Association President of the 1L Day class.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional

association in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public. For more information regarding the ABA and student opportunities, please visit: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/> or contact cyc4@uakron.edu.

SCHOOL OF LAW CALENDAR NOW ON THE WEB

As of today student, staff, faculty, and members of the general public can access a web based version of the School of Law calendar called WebEvent. It can be updated on a daily basis so that you can see events as they are added. Events are in the process of being posted now.

As in the past all events should be sent to Ms. Barbara Rowles for approval and posting.

A link on the School of Law home page should be up in the next few days to the public calendar. <http://www.uakron.edu/law/>

A direct link is at <http://calendar.uakron.edu/cgi-webevent/webevent.cgi?cmd=listmonth&cal=cal65>

If you spot any errors please give them to Ms. Rowles for correction.

To subscribe to the School of Law public calendar or any other University calendar go to <http://calendar.uakron.edu/>

Legal Clinic News

PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2005

As you approach the end of your first or second year (or third year if you are an evening student) you may wish to think about applying the theory you have learned in a practical setting. Placements are available for credit in almost any public agency or non-profit setting where there is an attorney present to supervise. Typically, students are placed in prosecutors', public defenders', or judges' offices where they perform a variety of researching and writing tasks. Students who have completed 59 credit hours are eligible to receive their Intern Certificates, thereby equipping them to appear in court on behalf of clients or the State, in misdemeanor or civil cases. If you are interested in exploring the variety of placements please contact Professor Carro at 330-972-7751 or at carrol@uakron.edu, to set a time to meet to discuss your options.

LEGAL CLINIC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PAID POSITIONS

The University of Akron School of Law Legal Clinic has three to five positions open for the summer and next year. Two to four positions are as Directors of Inmate Assistance Programs. All students are invited to apply, including first year students. Persons chosen for these positions will be paid \$7.00 per hour up to 20 hours per week during the school year and 30 hours per week during the summer. Students must take credit courses during the summer to qualify for employment.

People interested in developing interviewing, research and writing skills should apply. Our Clinic graduates use their skills in civil and criminal contexts as Public Defenders, County Prosecutors, Legal Aid lawyers, judicial law clerks, and civil practitioners. We have a 100% employment rate within six months of graduation.

A cover letter and resume must be submitted to Professor Carro no later than April 8, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up for an interview time when you submit your application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Professor Carro at 330-972-7751.

SCANLON INN OF COURT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The University of Akron School of Law in conjunction with the Akron Bar Association sponsors the Charles F. Scanlon Inn of Court. This is an extra-curricular activity for lawyers, judges, and law students.

The Inn of Court, now in its second decade, is made up of attorneys with less than two years of experience, attorneys with four to fifteen years of experience, and senior attorneys and judges. The Inn of Court meets each year from September through April, once a month, to discuss ethics and advocacy. In addition to being a member of the Inn as a whole, each member is also a participant in a pupillage group which might be likened to a subcommittee of the Inn. There are usually sixty to seventy people in the Inn as a whole and fifteen to eighteen people in each of four pupillage groups. The Inn as a whole meets once a month, and the pupillage group would meet once a month for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or after work to discuss the matters presented in the general meeting.

We are fortunate to have eight positions allocated to the School of Law for interested and dedicated students to participate in the Inn for one year. If you are interested in participating,

please submit a letter expressing your interest and a resume to Professor J. Dean Carro. Preference is given to students who have applied previously. Preference is also given to graduating students who will not have the opportunity the following year to participate. The deadline for submitting your applications is **April 12, 2002**. Thank you for your attention.

Library News

Law Weblogs

Would like to learn more about blogs? The Law Library posted a new pathfinder called *Law Weblogs- Blawgs* - <http://www.uakron.edu/law/library/blawg.php>. Weblogs or blogs are frequently updated personal web postings. The blog is typically updated with commentary, links to other sources and comments by others. Blawgs are specialized blogs about the law and are typically written by law students, law professors and lawyers. The purpose of the blawgs can vary between sharing current legal headline information, personal diary of daily events or even just entertainment.

The *Law Weblog- Blawgs* pathfinder can be a useful starting point for anyone wishing to find out more about law blogs. Pathfinders save users' time because someone has already reviewed the sources and organized the information into a document. The *Law Weblog* pathfinder starts out by listing criteria to use in evaluating the quality of a blog. Links to general legal blogs, law student blogs, law faculty blogs and legal research blogs are included. Go to the "Blog Search Engine and Blog Directories" section for more lists of blogs not included in the pathfinder.

Once you select a few blogs to follow, you may want special software to help keep it all organized. This software is often called an "aggregator" or "RSS Reader." Links to popular free aggregators are included in the pathfinder. Lastly, the pathfinder has

links to articles specifically about blawgs.

Law Weblogs- Blawgs Pathfinder- <http://www.uakron.edu/law/library/blawgs.php>.

For links to additional Law Library Guides and Pathfinders go to <http://www.uakron.edu/law/library/guides.php>.

For questions about this pathfinder, please contact Lynn Lenart at 330-972-6357, Office 331 or by e-mail llenart@uakron.edu.

Career Planning News

The following is a list of upcoming events and opportunities. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Career Planning & Placement Office at 330-972-5321.

May 2005 Graduating Students

As part of your final clearance for graduation, graduating students need to meet with Dr. Jay Levine for a 10-15 minute exit interview. We want to gather your feedback and learn how we can help as well as finalize your record as a student with the Career Planning Office by collecting employment information for every graduating student as required by the National Association of Law Placement. If you have not already done so, please register at the Dean's Office Receptionist's Desk for an interview time. When you register at the front desk, you will receive a brief survey handout. Please complete the NALP Survey form prior to your exit interview appointment.

Congratulations on a job well done! You've worked very hard, and we wish you continued success.

Public Interest Fellowship Program

Funds received from the SBA Auction and a grant from the Samuel Reese Willis Foundation will provide the means to support public interest law

fellowships for summer 2005. Public interest law placements include governmental or non-profit offices where attorneys are present to supervise your legal work. The Public Interest Fellowship Committee will make an effort to balance the constituencies served: international, regional, or local, and government or public-not-for-profit organizations. Priority may be given to students who have not previously been awarded a fellowship.

The Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship Program supports and encourages those students who would like to gain experience in public interest areas. If you think you would like to do this work, but have no idea how to line up a placement, please feel free to call upon Professor Koosed (statewide agencies), Professor Carro (Akron), or Career Planning Director, Jay Levine, Ph.D., (general). We have set an **application deadline of April 1, 2005.**

You must have a placement secured when you submit your program application and a letter from the employer organization specifying number of hours and weeks you will be working, your anticipated job duties, and the name of your supervisor.

The Public Interest Fellowship has supported many students' career interests. Should you have such an interest, we encourage you to apply.

- Recent placements have included:
- Summit County Guardian Ad Litem Program
 - Summit County Legal Defender's Office
 - Ohio Civil Rights Commission
 - National Labor Relations Board
 - Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office
 - The University of Akron, Office of General Counsel
 - Summit County Juvenile Court
 - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
 - City of Cleveland Law Department

Application guidelines can be obtained in the Career Planning Office.

Career Planning Programs & Activities:

1. 2005 Government Information Fair

The 2005 Government Information Fair will take place on March 15 from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Law School Atrium. Below is a list of the organizations that have signed up to participate to date:

- City of Akron Department of Law*
- City of Akron Department of Planning & Urban Development*
- Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office*
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- Governor's Council on People with Disabilities*
- Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority*
- Ohio Civil Rights Commission*
- Ohio Department of Transportation*
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency*
- Ohio State Highway Patrol*
- Richland County Prosecutor's Office*
- Social Security Administration – Office of Hearings & Appeals*
- Summit County Children Services Board*
- Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board*
- Summit County Engineer*
- Summit County Executive's Office, Legal Department*
- Summit County Executive's Office, Human Resources*
- Summit County Prosecutor's Office*
- U.S. Dept. of Defense – Defense Criminal Investigative Service*
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration*
- U.S. Air Force JAG Corps*
- U.S. Coast Guard*
- U.S. Marine JAG Corps*
- U.S. Postal Inspection Service*
- U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Sherrod Brown's Office*
- U.S. Senate, Senator George V. Voinovich's Office*
- U.S. Secret Service*

We anticipate that representatives from the U.S. Armed Forces will be participating in on-campus interviews. **Please be advised that the Armed Forces' "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy toward homosexuality constitutes discrimination on the**

basis of sexual orientation. The Armed Forces' position is contrary to the School of Law policy, but State law requires that we permit the Armed Forces to recruit on campus. The following is the School of Law's Nondiscrimination Policy, adopted and effective 2/14/02.

**NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
SCHOOL OF LAW**

The University of Akron School of Law is an equal education and employment institution. It is the policy of The University of Akron School of Law that there shall be no discrimination against any individual because of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, age, or religion. The University of Akron School of Law prohibits discrimination on these bases in education, employment, admissions and services to graduates. This nondiscrimination policy applies to all activities and programs and to all faculty, staff, and students.

**ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
SCHOOL OF LAW
CAREER PLANNING &
PLACEMENT OFFICE**

The University of Akron School of Law/Law Career Planning Office is dedicated to providing equal opportunity for recruitment and employment of all who utilize its services. Therefore, the Law Career Planning Office facilities and services are available only to organizations or individuals that maintain an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity and do not discriminate in recruitment or employment against any person due to race, age, handicap, or disability, color, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.*

*Except as is otherwise required by Ohio law.

2. Learn About Labor And Employment Law Career Opportunities:

The American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law is sending several knowledgeable and experienced members to the law school to talk about career opportunities in this field of law, and special dimensions of what has become one of the fastest growing areas of practice in the country.
WHEN: Thursday, March 10
TIME: 12:05 - 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Room 152

The panel will reflect the Labor and Employment Law Section's customary variety of perspectives (employer, union, employee and neutral), and share real-life situations and information. If you are interested in working in this area of law, plan to attend, meet and talk with leading labor and employment lawyers who practice locally.

Stop in the Career Planning Office and reserve your space. Pizza and pop will be served courtesy of the American Bar Association Outreach Program. We look forward to seeing you there!

3. Spring On-Campus Interviews:
Lexis Nexis will be conducting on-campus interviews for jobs in Miamisburg, Ohio on Monday, March 14.

4. Legal Research: Tips for Success At the Firm This Summer!
Librarians from the Akron law firms of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs and Roetzel & Andress will speak on Legal Research and provide tips to make your summer clerking experience successful both for you and the employer!
WHEN: Wed., April 6
TIME: 12:05 - 1:00 p.m.
WHERE: Room 165
We hope to see you there and encourage you to bring your lunch and join us for this important informational session!!

5. Dos & Don'ts of Summer Clerking Career Roundtable
WHEN: Tuesday, April 5
TIME: 12:05 - 1:00
WHERE: Room 152

6. Image Management and Business Etiquette Seminar
Please join the Career Planning & Placement Office in welcoming Christine Bates, Office of General Counsel, The University of Akron, at this informative workshop.
WHEN: Wed., April 6
TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
WHERE: Room 152
TOPICS: Power Strategies for Professional Success:
Personal Effectiveness
Professional Impact
Social Savvy

7. The Realities of a Solo Practice:
WHEN: Wednesday, April 13
TIME: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Room 152

We encourage you to bring your lunch/dinner and join us for this program

8. Solo/Small Job Fair
Firms are now being recruited for this Job Fair. We plan to hold this on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for further details.

Writing Competitions:
Additional information for the following writing competitions is available in the Career Planning Office:

2005 Brief Writing Competition
Scribes-The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects announces its 2005 Brief Writing Competition. The Scribes Brief Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot court competitions. Please email questions to: gahlers@mail.barry.edu. Deadline: May 1, 2005

National Lesbian & Gay Law Association Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition
Topic: A cutting edge legal issue affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and/or Intersex community.
Cash Prize: \$1,000
Deadline: June 15, 2005

Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing

There is no restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject. Cash Prize: \$10,000
Deadline: July 23, 2005

Student Organization News

ADR

The ADR chapter will hold elections of new officers on Wednesday, March 9, and Thursday, March 10, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Student Lounge.

BLSA

The Black Law Students Association will hold a meeting on March 10, at 4:00 p.m., in Room L-134.

LAW

The Law Association for Women will be selling bagels every **Friday from 8:30 -10:30 a.m., in the Student Lounge. Please note this is a change in day and time as previously advertised.**

PAD

The Phi Alpha Delta will hold a blood drive on Friday, March 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Law School.

SBA

The Student Bar Association will meet in Room W-210 on March 21, at 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Final Thought!

“Do not be afraid of defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.”

- Henry Ward Beecher