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General News

Summer Semester 2002 Registration

Registration for the Summer 2002 Semester begins at 6:00p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2002. Please check your Registration Packet for specific registration times for your classification.

Summer Property I & II Students

Property II will end on approximately July 18, 2002. Further information will be given to you from Professor Jordan once the class is under way.

Class Rankings Update

Updated Fall 2001 class rankings have been posted in the glass case adjacent to the elevator in the student lounge. In the past GPA's were carried to the 3rd decimal place instead of only 2 decimal places. I acquired the proper data last week and was able to post new rankings this week.

Setting Up Your IBM ThinkPad for the Wireless Printer

Some improvements were made to the network laser printers in the second floor computer lab in the Law Library. These changes will require law students who own the University issued IBM ThinkPad laptops to reconfigure them to print over the wireless network. If you are using a wireless network card with another brand of laptop the procedure may be different and you will have to see Mark Weber for assistance.

The following instructions will describe the new procedures.

- 1) Click on the "Start" button.
- 2) Choose "Search" and then "For Printer".
- 3) The "Find Printers" box opens. Type "law" in the Location field and then click on the "Find Now" button.
- 4) The "Find Printers" dialog box will expand. Double click the "HPLJ8150LAW253" and/or "HPLJ4000LAW253" printer with the Server Name of "ADMINDC2.UANET.EDU". The setup will automatically start and setup the printer.
- 5) Once the installation is completed the printer will be setup. To use the printer, open an application and choose "File" and then "Print". The printer will be located under the Name Section in the Print Dialog Box. If you do not see the printer, click on the down arrow and then select the printer you wish to use.

Students having problems setting up their laptops to accept the new wireless printers can contact Mark Weber in room 267, or call 330-972-5119. Mark can also be reached by email at weberm@uakron.edu.

Lock Down Your Laptop

Laptops are very popular with the law students. You can see students using laptops in the classrooms, the Law Library and even in the Student Lounge. A laptop owner has to think about protecting his/her expensive possession.

One security measure is to use a lock down cable when using the laptop in public. A lock down cable is a steel cable wrapped in a plastic coating with a loop on one end and a lock on the other. The lock can use either a key or combination and attaches to your laptop. Lock down cables come in various lengths, but a six-foot cable should be adequate.

Lock down cables can be purchased through the University's Computer Solutions Computer Store (located in the Gardner Student Center), Best Buy and CompUSA (just to name a few). The price ranges from \$30 up to \$50.

To find out more about lock down cables visit the Computer Solutions Store or talk to Mark Weber in Room 267 in the Law Library, or call him at 330-972-5119. Mark can also be reached by email at weberm@uakron.edu.

The Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Intellectual Property Law School Scholarship

Sponsored by the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation, this scholarship addresses the need to increase the number of minority intellectual property attorneys and to bring these attorneys to the attention of firms and corporation as candidates for employment. The \$10,000 Law Scholarship will be awarded to minority students developing a career in intellectual property law or holding a past or present or part-time position in an area related to intellectual property law. Applicants must also have a

demonstrated financial need and outstanding academic performance at the undergraduate level and law school level.

Deadline: March 22, 2002

Contact: The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund at studentinfo.tmsf.org for further information and to request an application.

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 and Placement Office at 330-972-5321.

Upcoming Programs

SBA Public Interest Summer Fellowship Program

This program is for students working in poverty law (legal aid, public defender) or nonprofit organizational work, and volunteer or near-volunteer work for government agencies during Summer 2002.

The SBA Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship Program supports and encourages those students who would like to gain experience, either paid or unpaid, 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. (generally). We have set an **application deadline of March 15, 2002**. It is expected that you will secure a placement in advance of submitting your application for a fellowship.

Application guidelines can be obtained at the Dean's Office Receptionist Desk.

Brown Bag Seminars

Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams

The Career Planning Office is pleased to welcome back author, Kimm Alayne Walton, JD, who will present a seminar on her popular book, Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job Of Your Dreams on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Ms. Walton has captivated audiences from coast to coast and has helped thousands of law students get the legal job of their dreams. We encourage you to attend this program! Please stop in the Career Planning Office and reserve your space.

Legal Specialties

Lisa Abrams, author of The Office Guide to Legal Specialties will present on March 20th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for further details.

Small/Medium Job Fair

Thank you to those candidates who responded and submitted resumes for the various employers participating in the Job Fair. Please watch your mailboxes after February 25 for additional information regarding interview sign up times.

Government Information Fair

The Annual Government Information Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2002 from 5:00 –6:30 p.m. in the Law School Atrium. Below is a list of the organizations that have signed up to participate to date:

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms
- City of Akron Department of Law
- DOJ/Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services
- U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Services
- Industrial Commission of Ohio
- Ninth District Court of Appeals
- Office of Chief Counsel, IRS
- Office of Hearings/Appeals – Social Security Administration
- Ohio Commission on African-American Males
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Richland County Prosecutor's Office

Secretary of State of Ohio
Summit County Prosecutor's Office
United States Attorney's Office
United States Marine Corps JAG
Program
United States Secret Service

Please stop in the Career Plannign & Placement Office and sign up to attend this event.

Mock Interview Week

Mock Interview Week will be held from March 18-22nd. Please watch your mailbox for future announcements regarding this program.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Seminar

Special Agent Robert Fiatal of the FBI will speak on career opportunities in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday, April 10th at 12:05-1:00 p.m. (Room 165) and 5:30-6:30p.m. (Room 165). BLSA and ALLSA are sponsoring this seminar. We hope you will bring your lunch/dinner and join us for either of these informative sessions. Please stop in the Career Planning Office and reserve your seat!

Employers' Perspectives on the Ideal Small Firm Associate: Recruiting the "Total Package", by Tracy N. Evans, January 2002, National Association for Law Placement Bulletin.

There is a common theme among small firms regarding the skills they seek in new associates. Although most small firm employers expressed the importance of a strong academic background, more emphasis is placed on the importance of the "total package." In other words, they look beyond grades on a resume and want their candidates to be well-rounded individuals.

Who is a well-rounded candidate? According to Ben Finley with Finley & Buckley in Atlanta, "A well-rounded candidate would portray confidence, show strong enthusiasm for the firm, possess great people skills and the ability to think quickly on his feet."

Employers also expressed the desire to have a new associate who could "hit the ground running." Therefore, extensive clerking experience while in law school, particularly with a small firm, is extremely beneficial. This experience can be expanded to include volunteering with a judge or other agencies to learn courtroom procedure, skills courses, clinics, and even moot court competitions.

Writing Competitions

2002 Southern Illinois Law Journal Student Writing Contest
The Southern Illinois University Law Journal Editorial Board is seeking entries of the variety that students might have written for a law review or senior writing requirement.

Cash Prize: \$500
Deadline: March 15, 2002

William C. Conner Intellectual Property Writing Competition
The subject matter must be directed to one of the traditional subject areas of intellectual property, i.e., patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair trade and antitrust.

Cash Prizes: 1st - \$1,000
2nd - \$500
Deadline: March 29, 2002

National Association of Home Builders Legal Writing Competition
Applicants will address the following question:
The United States Supreme Court has frequently stated that a taking occurs when Governmental action does not substantially advance a legitimate state interest. See e.g., Agins v. City of Tiburon, 447 U.S. 255, 260 (1980). Did the Court Confuse the jurisprudence of takings with that of substantive due process and, If so, does it make any difference?

Students are encouraged to trace the derivation of the first prong of the Agins test, and then the differences between takings and substantive due process in terms of ripeness (finality and the use of state mechanisms for recovery of just

compensation/damages), subsuming substantive due process under the Takings Clause (as a number of the Circuits have done) and remedies (the payment of just compensation vs. invalidity and the payment of damages) at both the Supreme and Circuit Court levels.

Cash Prize: \$5,000
Deadline: April 5, 2002

Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing

This year there is no page limitation or restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject.

Cash Prize: \$5,000
Deadline: April 26, 2002

Federal Circuit Bar Association George Hutchinson Writing Competition

Entries to the contest may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Cash Prize: \$3,000
Deadline: June 1, 2002

Santa Clark University Computer and High Technology Law Journal Comment Contest

Comments submitted must address one of the following topics: patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, biotechnology, telecommunications, technology licensing, venture capital, antitrust, electronic commerce, computer law, cyberspace law, privacy or any other current topic in high technology law.

Cash Prizes: 1st - \$2,000
2nd - \$1,500
3rd - \$1,000
Deadline: June 1, 2002

American Judges Association Law Student Essay Competition

Papers will be evaluated considering: writing quality and clarity; the interest of the topic and content to a broad segment of the judiciary; analysis and reasoning; timeliness, originality, and creativity; quality and use of research; and compliance with these rules.

Cash Prizes: 1st - \$3,000
2nd - \$1,250
3rd - \$1,000
Deadline: June 30, 2002

5th Annual Animal Law Student Writing Competition

Articles on any Animal Law topic will be considered, but papers focusing on specific legal issues are preferred.

Cash Prize: \$500
Deadline: July 31, 2002

Summer Programs Abroad

We receive information on numerous study abroad programs as well as various LLM programs. Below is a sampling of recent programs received:

Cleveland State Univ. – *St. Petersburg, Russia*; Fordham Univ. – *Belfast/Dublin*; George Washington Univ. – *Oxford, England*; Univ. of Pittsburgh – *Europe*; Univ. of Puerto Rico – *Barcelona, Spain*.

Summer Housing in Washington, D.C.

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C. has summer housing available. Additional information and an application are available at <http://conferences.cua.edu>.

Suggestions Wanted

If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our services, please let us know. We welcome your thoughts and opinions!

Student Organization News

IPTLA

IPTLA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:15 P.M. in Room 167.

L.A.W. News

Meetings:

Our next set of meetings are schedule for Feb. 26th at 12:15 p.m. and Feb. 27th at 5:45 p.m. Both meetings will be held in room 151. Topics on the agenda include:

- Upcoming National Conference
- Spring Symposium Update
- Blood Drive
- Elections
- And much more. . .

It looks as if this is going to be yet another important meeting full of information. If you cannot attend, and would like to be forwarded a copy of the minutes, please email Kerry Renker at Kery4@uakron.edu.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Friday, March 1st from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration will be held in Room 134. No appointment is necessary. PLEASE BRING I.D.

For questions or to schedule and appointment, contact Laura Odenweller-Berzonski at (330) 338-3737 or mailbox 395.

YOU CAN HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Final Thought!

Whoever one is, and wherever one is, one is always in the wrong if one is rude.

- Unknown

