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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

LSAC Law School Forums will be held in ten major cities—Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San Francisco Bay Area, Toronto, and Washington, DC.

The forums are a series of free law school recruitment fairs, each of which attracts an average of 160 law schools from across the United States and Canada, representing public and private, large and small, rural and urban law schools. The Law School Forums provide an opportunity to talk informally with law school representatives and get firsthand information about admission requirements, course offerings, campus life, and financial aid.

Admission is free and registration is easy; register online at www.LSAC.org/lawschoolforums.

Pre-registrants will avoid waiting in lines at the forum. Once registered, participants receive a tracking number that they can give to schools in which they have an interest. The tracking number will allow law schools to contact potential applicants after the forum.

To view and print a PDF flier indicating the dates and exact locations of the 2011 Law School Forums brought to you by LSAC and participating law schools, log in to your LSAC.org account, and visit www.lisac.org/Members/EventsRecruitment/ls-forum-fliers.asp.

A breakdown of expected Law School Forums attendees can be found here: www.lisac.org/Members/EventsRecruitment/PDFs/WhoShouldAttend.pdf. Please check the LSAC web site at www.LSAC.org/lawschoolforums for details about forum hours, workshop schedules, and other information.

2. ENTRY-LEVEL ATTORNEY RECRUITMENT UP SLIGHTLY

NALP: The Association for Legal Career Professionals recently reported that traditional markers indicating the strength of the legal employment market for new lawyers, including law firm recruitment levels for summer programs and summer program outcomes, rose slightly in 2010.

As the March 16, 2011 article entitled "Recruiting for Entry-Level Lawyers Edges Up Slightly," states: "The offer rate from summer programs for entry-level associate positions rebounded just over eighteen points, to 87.4%, after plunging from 89.9% in 2008 to 69.3% in 2009. Not surprisingly, the acceptance

rate for these offers fell slightly, from 84.5% to 82.7%, as students had incrementally more options on the table. A small increase in recruiting volume for the summer 2011 program was also seen in the 2L market. Across employers of all sizes, the median number of offers extended bumped up to 9, from an all-time low of 7 in 2009. (This compares with medians of 10 in 2008 and 15 in 2007)."

The article also states that start dates continue to be deferred, but at about half the rate in 2010 from the preceding year in 2009.

Although this is encouraging news, James Leipold, NALP's Executive Director, cautions, "...this slow growth in entry-level recruitment activity will continue, but it will be some years before we see a return to the sort of robust recruiting levels we saw in 2006 and 2007."

For further statistics, and to read the article in full, visit:

http://www.nalp.org/march11_pr_entrylevelrecruiting

3. SUMMER OPPORTUNITY: SUMMER 2011 POLICY INTERN, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) is seeking a talented undergraduate or graduate student with an interest in criminal justice. GOCCP is Maryland's one stop shop for resources to improve public safety. At GOCCP, the Intern will experience the inner workings of state government from the vantage point of the Executive branch. The Intern will work to address current public safety policy challenges and will be tasked with managing at least one project during the summer.

Projects are to be completed under the direction of the Policy, Research & Training Division (PRT) Chief and a team of Policy and Statistical Analysts. PRT develops, implements, and evaluates State policy, technology and legislation that align with the priorities of the O'Malley-Brown Administration. Policy, research, and training solutions originate from identified needs of local stakeholders and are developed in collaboration with the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center to effectively measure results. Summer projects will involve research, writing, and collaboration with criminal justice stakeholders including GOCCP's local and federal partners.

Selection will be based on an applicant's educational and professional background, a demonstrated interest in public service, and the needs of GOCCP. Consideration will be given to experience with government work, policy analysis, legal research and writing, and communications.

The internship will run for three months – June, July, and August. Payment is \$15/per hour.

To apply, please send your resumé, transcript, and a cover letter to lsmith@goccp.state.md.us. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified via email.

Applications are due on May 6, 2011.

If you have questions regarding the internship or the application process, please contact Lisa Smith at 410-821-2872 or lsmith@goccp.state.md.us.

4. INTERVIEW: EMILIE ADAMS (JHU '06), FIRST YEAR ASSOCIATE

Emilie Adams is a first year associate at a 1000+ attorney law firm with offices in the U.S. and abroad but based in NYC and practice groups in litigation/corporate/business financing and restructuring/tax/pro bono work. Emilie is a member of the firm's Employment Litigation Group. Emilie was a Summer Associate at her current firm in 2008, and began her current position in January 2011.

Emilie received her J.D., from New York University School of Law (NYU Law) in 2009. While there, she was the 2L Representative for the NYU Law Student Bar Association, the Co-Director of the NYU Law American Civil Liberties Union and member of the NYU Law Class of 2009 Gift Committee. Additionally, Emilie participated in NYU Law's Offender Reentry Clinic, where she provided legal advice and representation to recently released individuals in NYC. Her first year summer, Emilie was a legal intern

with the New York Civil Liberties Union-Reproductive Rights Project. For a year following her graduation, she acted as Staff Counsel for the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, DC.

Emilie graduated from Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in 2006, with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in the History of Art and as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society. While at JHU, the summer of 2004 & 2005, Emilie was a Public Relations Student Assistant at the Johns Hopkins University Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and, the summer of 2006, a Cooking Instructor at Creative Summer Day Camp. Emilie's activities while at JHU included serving as the Co-Chair of the Milton S. Eisenhower Speakers Symposium and the All Politics is Local Speakers Symposium; President of Johns Hopkins Students for Choice; and Vice President of the Johns Hopkins American Civil Liberties Union. The summer of 2004, Emilie served as an Intern for Congressmen Chris Van Hollen.

Emilie Adams is licensed to practice in New York State.

Questions

1) Describe a typical day in the life of a First Year Associate at large firm in NYC.

I'm not so sure that there is such thing as a typical day! Most days, however, involve a combination of legal research and writing, interacting with clients, reviewing legal or client documents, and bothering my officemate for coffee breaks.

2) What did you pursue during your law school summers and before beginning your current position? How did you go about researching these opportunities?

I spent my first summer working for the New York Civil Liberties Union Reproductive Rights Project. I obtained that job by participating in NYU's Public Interest Law Center job fair. I spent my second summer at the law firm that I currently work at. I obtained that job by participating in NYU's Early Interview Week.

3) What initially attracted you to your current field?

I think my interest initially developed as I looked around at the kinds of jobs I thought I might want to pursue and realized that a law degree would help and/or be necessary for most of them. I also enjoy arguing and, despite my best efforts not to do what my parents do, being raised by lawyers probably played a role, too.

4) How would you compare the reality of law school and the ensuing job search to the picture you had of it while an undergraduate?

Law school was very much how I pictured it, although most professors do not cold call anymore. My 1L Civil Procedure professor was the real life basis for the professor in *One L* so, in that sense, my 1L experience compared to the picture I had of it based on books and movies, although books like *One L* made it seem much more daunting.

The legal job market has definitely changed considerably since I started law school. I think I perceived going to law school to be more of a "sure thing" when I applied, but it is more difficult now than it was a year or two years ago. It is a tough job market.

5) Describe a typical day as a law student at New York University School of Law (NYU Law).

A few hours of class, and a lot of reading. Because Hopkins is such a demanding undergraduate experience, I never felt that law school involved much more work than undergrad, although preparation for finals can be much more demanding as your final exam grade is your grade in the class.

6) What was your favorite law school class, and why? How did you go about choosing classes after your first year of law school?

My favorite law school classes were Evidence, Labor Law, Products Liability, and Art Law. After my first year of law school, I picked classes that interested me, even if they did not necessarily seem like something I would pursue professionally. I didn't worry too much about taking courses that would help with the bar exam.

7) Did you participate in any clinics or other large scale optional program (journal, trial advocacy, etc.) while in law school? If so, how do you think it/they impacted your law school experience and/or employment prospects?

I participated in NYU Law's Offender Reentry Clinic, which focused on individual assistance to clients, as well as policy reform aimed at facilitating the reentry process of individuals being released from prison. I'm not sure that it impacted my employment prospects as I participated in the clinic after my 2L summer job search, but it was a very worthwhile experience and was one of the only "real world" legal experiences I had in law school.

8) What types of undergraduate opportunities did you pursue that led to your decision to apply to law school? Were there any experiences that you felt were particularly helpful in strengthening your application to law school?

I think my experiences leading various student groups (including political groups and the MSE Symposium) added something to my application. But people come to law school with all kinds of different academic and extracurricular backgrounds and experiences, so I think just being someone who is interested in something (other than studying) and being able to articulate those interests and draw connections to your interest in the law helps to personalize an application.

9) What made you choose NYU Law, and did it meet your expectations? What do you see as the primary pros and cons of law school, and, particularly, NYU Law?

I chose NYU because of its excellent academic reputation, emphasis on public service, strong clinical program, and because I wanted to live in New York.

10) Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing law school and a career in law given your experience in today's legal market and now as a first year associate?

Think critically about your career choice -- going to law school involves a lot of money and a lot of work! Consider speaking to people you know who are attorneys about what they do all day. Don't go to law school just because it seems like a reasonable thing to do after graduation--go to law school because you want to be a lawyer (I realize that sounds obvious, but it is important).

Contact Information

If you would like to learn more about being NYU Law, being a young associate at a large, international firm, or have additional questions for Emilie Adams, you may reach her via email at: eadams1@gmail.com.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming LSAT Administration for 2011

Location: Check with LSAC for testing locations (next on campus/JHU LSAT administration – Monday, June 6, 2011).

Date: Monday, June 6, 2011

Time: Registration begins at 11:30am for the June exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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