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**1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.**

The more you can demonstrate a specific interest, the better your chances of obtaining employment in a desired field. I know that many of you are interested in pursuing a career in public health law. *Epidemic Proportions* (EP), the Johns Hopkins Undergraduate Public Health Research Journal, is seeking submissions for the upcoming Spring 2011 issue.

The journal's primary purpose is to showcase and represent undergraduate work in the arena of public health. A new section of EP, entitled "Principles & Policies," focuses on the social, political, and policy-related issues that affect health and health care today. EP seeks articles by undergraduates, two-to-four pages in length; they are due by November 11, 2010. For more information on journal submissions, email: [ep@jhu.edu](mailto:ep@jhu.edu).

For those taking the LSAT tomorrow -- BEST OF LUCK!

**2. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES, ESPERANZA CENTER**

Immigration Legal Services (ILS) was founded in 1994 to provide low-cost legal counseling and representation in immigration matters. ILS has served individuals from over 170 different nationalities who reside in Maryland or have immigration cases in Maryland. ILS assists clients and their family members seeking to obtain, extend or retain lawful immigration status in the United States or US citizenship.

An internship with ILS would allow one to:

- Learn more about the services offered to clients seeking legal advice
- Assist with the intake process and other administrative tasks in the program.

For more information regarding ILS, visit the following website:

<http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/immigrants/immigration-legal-services/immigration-legal-services.html>

For inquiries regarding internship opportunities, contact the Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator at the Esperanza Center, Francisco Plasencia: [fplasenc@catholiccharities-md.org](mailto:fplasenc@catholiccharities-md.org).

**3. INTERIM YEAR(S) OPPORTUNITY: LEGAL ANALYST, KOBRE & KIM LLP**

Kobre & Kim LLP is currently accepting applications for one-to-two-year Legal Analyst positions in its New York City and Washington, D.C. offices, with opportunities for advancement. Compensation is highly competitive.

### **Job Description**

The Legal Analyst position provides an opportunity to gain substantive, hands-on experience in the dynamic fields of complex civil and criminal litigation. Analysts immediately join case teams and benefit from close collaboration with the firm's attorneys, enjoying levels of responsibility and client contact surpassing those offered at other firms. General duties include, among others, factual analysis, legal research, preparation of court papers, and attendance at meetings and court appearances under the supervision of the firm's attorneys.

### **Job Qualifications**

Legal Analysts are typically top-ranked graduates from the most highly-rated colleges and universities. Candidates should possess a four-year college degree, a strong GPA, and excellent writing, research, teamwork, and communication abilities. Applications are strongly encouraged from highly-motivated individuals displaying a broad range of academic and extracurricular interests. Interest in exploring financial markets and pursuing a career in law is welcomed, but not necessary.

### **How to Apply**

Submit a cover letter, two writing samples, and a resume (including your GPA) in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format. Argumentative papers written for college courses and/or independent research papers are preferable; however, anything else that you think best reflects your writing skills, analysis, and critical reasoning abilities is also acceptable. Full papers of 5-15 pages are preferable to excerpts from lengthier samples.

\*Note that only resumes accompanied by a cover letter and two writing samples will be considered.

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### **4. INTERVIEW: JOHN C. JORGENSEN (JHU '09), ANALYST, KOBRE & KIM LLP**

John C. Jorgenson is an analyst in the Washington, DC office of Kobre & Kim LLP; he is a member of the firm's Securities Derivatives group. Mr. Jorgenson's recent matters include providing research and analysis for the head trader of a hedge fund in connection with regulatory investigations and civil litigation arising from alleged manipulation of commodity markets. Working under the supervision of the firm's counsel, he also provides research and analysis to an audit committee in the internal accounting investigation of a New York Stock Exchange listed company and related Securities & Exchange Commission investigation.

Mr. Jorgenson graduated with university and departmental honors from The Johns Hopkins University in 2009 with a BA in History and German. Upon graduation, he concurrently received an MA in History, for which he worked under Professor Christopher Celenza to produce his Master's Thesis entitled *The Limits of Christian Freedom: Luther's Reformation of Secular Authority*. While at Hopkins, Mr. Jorgenson was a member of the JHU *AllNighters*, Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society, and was a co-editor for *Foundations: Undergraduate Journal in History*. Additionally, he studied for a semester at Freie Universität with the Berlin Consortium for German Studies, conducted research for his master's thesis in the U.S. and in Germany, and interned at a Denver-based law firm specializing in mineral law.

## **Questions**

### **1) Describe a day in the life of an Analyst.**

The tasks an analyst performs daily largely depend on the types of cases to which he or she is staffed and the particular needs of the client. Cases at Kobre & Kim are diverse but are primarily focused on the financial services industry. Analysts are typically assigned to 3-5 cases across the firm's different practice areas, both criminal and civil. Analysts may spend their days analyzing case documents and drafting evidence outlines in preparation for trial; researching the intricacies of a particular financial transaction; or attending client meetings and court hearings. Alternatively, analysts may be assigned research projects with regard to pertinent developments in the fields of law or finance. For instance, I recently worked on a memorandum regarding the recent passage of the Frank-Dodd Financial Reform Bill and its influence on the over-the-counter financial market.

### **2) What types of post-graduation opportunities did you research? How did you go about your search?**

Before graduation I looked into applying to graduate school and law school. I also considered various government positions and research jobs in the DC area. I primarily utilized the Hopkins career center and j-connect for job openings.

### **3) What made you choose this particular position and has it met your expectations?**

My strong interest in law and my desire to pursue research led me to Kobre & Kim. In my senior year, I was torn between applying to law school and testing the waters before committing to three more expensive years of higher education. The largest draw of the position for me was that it gave me exposure to both law and financial services. Further, it is not a typical paralegal job in that it offers significant opportunities for legal research and factual analysis. My experience at the firm has exceeded my expectations in terms of the substantive projects and responsibility afforded to me.

### **4) What do you think you have gained from this position and from taking time off before law school? Given the choice, would you do it again?**

Ultimately, Kobre & Kim has offered me a "sneak peek" into the life of a corporate lawyer before making the commitment to a career in law. The work has been both challenging and rewarding, and I know I will be better equipped in whatever venture I choose after my time with the firm. Given the choice, I would definitely make the decision to work here again.

## **Contact Information**

If you would like to learn more about being an analyst, Kobre Kim, LLP, or have additional questions for John Jorgenson, you may contact him via email at [john.jorgenson@kobrekim.com](mailto:john.jorgenson@kobrekim.com).

## **5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Upcoming LSAT Administration for 2010**

**Location: On Campus -- Hodson 110. Check with LSAC for definitive and additional testing locations.**

**Date: Saturday, October 9, 2010**

**Time: Registration begins at 8:30a - consult with LSAC for all controlling details.**

### **Personal Statement Workshop**

**Location: Maryland 110**

**Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

**Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Description: Robert Condlin, Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law, will offer a general overview of the "sleeper" in the law school application process. Obtain suggestions and tips on how to draft your best personal statement.**

### **Georgetown University Law Center Group Interview**

**Location: Gilman 50**

**Date: Thursday, October 21, 2010**

**Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm**

**Description: Sophia Sim, Director of Admissions, will conduct a group interview for Georgetown University Law Center. NOTE: Space is limited 25 and open to current applicants only. To reserve your slot, email [adrosco1@jhu.edu](mailto:adrosco1@jhu.edu).**

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