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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

For those applying this cycle, I hope you have completed or are close to completing your applications. It is still the early end of the application cycle, so submitting within the next few weeks is ideal!

For everyone: with registration for Spring 2012 term approaching, if you have any questions regarding course selection, etc., please feel free to schedule an appointment with me to discuss this.

2. MEDIA WATCH: ABA TO REPORT MORE ACCURATE EMPLOYMENT DATA

In a proactive response to the recent 15+ lawsuit filings and the ongoing scrutiny of law school job placement data, the American Bar Association (ABA) will enforce a previously announced series of regulations.

In an October 24, 2011 article entitled “ABA to Report More Accurate Employment Data” in *The National Jurist*, the series of regulations can be summed up as follows: “Law schools will have to improve their transparency by reporting each graduate’s employment status, employment type (differentiating jobs that do and don’t require a bar passage or preferred J.D. degree), employment location, salary, whether a position is short-term or long-term, and whether a position is funded by the school itself.”

Placement data will now be reported directly to the ABA (whereas previously it had been reported to the National Association of Law Placement) and, in a released statement, the ABA stated that they are “working on a new standard that would provide for specific and severe penalties for intentional misreporting of basic consumer information.”

To read the article in full, visit:

<http://www.nationaljurist.com/content/aba-report-more-accurate-employment-data>

3. OPPORTUNITY: SPRING 2012 VOLUNTEER PARALEGAL STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

The Administrative Office (AO) is seeking applicants for the Volunteer Student Internship Program. The AO, an agency of the Judicial Branch of the Federal government, is committed to serving and supporting the Federal court system of the United States. The AO provides a broad range of legislative, legal, financial, technology, management, administrative and program support services to the Federal courts.

The (unpaid) opportunity is intended to provide valuable work experience and better prepare students interested in a public service career. The AO is presently looking for students with backgrounds and/or demonstrated interest in the following areas: human resources, public affairs, law, business

administration (marketing, budget & finance, accounting, etc.), and information technology. Students will have an opportunity to improve their writing, research, analytical, logical, multi-tasking, and customer-service skills. Additionally, student volunteers are provided with several networking opportunities with fellow interns, agency employees, and other government employers.

DUTIES

The Paralegal Intern will assist a senior level Attorney and have extensive analytical and editing experience in support of the assessment program, policy revisions, correspondence control, and web presence. They will have the ability to interact with managers and co-workers at all levels, and the ability to prioritize and adhere to time sensitive schedules.

- Coordinate and update assessment calendar and travel for 20 assessments and 40 assessment briefings each year.
- Manage the logistics of related teleconferencing and/or online conferencing.
- Proof, edit, and otherwise assist with revisions to operations manual.
- Organize and review various office manuals and other records under assessment.
- Track and update high-volume daily log of correspondence.
- Manage various administrative and logistical details of training programs and conferences.
- Provide ideas and support for web design and content.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

For more information, and to apply, visit:

<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/302039300>

4. INTERVIEW: MARC S. FRIEDMAN (JHU '68), PARTNER, SNR DENTON



Marc Friedman is a partner in SNR Denton's Intellectual Property and Technology, and Litigation and Arbitration practices. He is an acclaimed trial and appellate lawyer with more than 35 years of experience representing technology and other companies in intellectual property, technology and other business disputes. Mr. Friedman has extensive experience in patent, electronic commerce, copyright, trademark, Lanham Act and trade secret matters, and matters involving employees such as disputes involving restrictive covenants and nondisclosure agreements. Having won the landmark case *Chatlos Systems v. National Cash Register Corp.*, Mr. Friedman is a known pioneer in information technology law.

Mr. Friedman graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BA in Philosophy. He earned his JD, *with honors*, from The George Washington University Law School, where he was an editor of the *George Washington Law Review*. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Friedman completed a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Leonard I. Garth, US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Marc Friedman's full biography can be found at the following link:

http://www.snr-denton.com/people/f/friedman_marc_s.aspx

Questions

1) Describe a day in the life of a Partner in SNR Denton's Intellectual Property & Technology Group.

I have a remarkably diverse position. Today is fairly typical, and it consists of the following:

- Working on two major patent litigations in Delaware Federal Court, one pertaining to very important personalized user search software that all of us access, and revolutionary artificial knee implant devices
- Working on a transaction involving the sale of a portion of a medical device business dealing with platelet rich plasma (PRP) injection therapy

- Advising a large European retailer who is establishing 300-500 stores in the US selling specialty cosmetics
- Leading my law firm's effort to recruit IP lawyers for our East Coast offices
- Looking for new client business opportunities

2) What initially attracted you to this field? What are some of the rewards of this area of law and the legal profession?

To be candid, I decided to become a trial lawyer because, at the age of 14, I met with a vocational counselor who warned both my parents and me that while I would succeed in many occupations, being a trial lawyer was not one of them. This made me angry, and, on that day, I decided to become a trial lawyer, which, as it turns out, was a terrific decision. I have been practicing for 40 years and among the greatest rewards are the challenges of always needing to learn new and difficult subject matters, and dealing with brilliant and creative clients. While my income has been very satisfactory, and although I have acquired an international reputation, the intellectual challenges of the profession continue to be the greatest reward for me, which is why at the age of 65 I gladly practice my profession 55-60 hours a week. This is not work; it is a privilege.

3) What are some of the downsides of this area of law? How would you compare the reality of your profession to the picture you had of it while in school?

The down side is that a law firm is also a business. In addition to practicing law, I must always be concerned with selling our services, and billing and collecting for them. I never focused on these "business" issues while in law school but quickly learned that mastering them was important to becoming a successful professional.

4) Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing this body of law and the legal profession?

I believe all students preparing for law school should take both philosophy and accounting courses -- learn to think and learn to count. Both sets of skills are critical for success as a lawyer.

Contact Information:

If you would like to learn more about intellectual property law, SNR Denton, or, if you have additional questions for Mr. Friedman, you may contact him by email at marc.friedman@snrdenton.com. Visit the firm's website at: http://www.snrdenton.com/about_us.aspx

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming LSAT Administration for 2011/2012

Location: Check with LSAC for testing locations (next on campus/JHU LSAT administration – Monday, June 11, 2012).

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011/Saturday, February 11, 2012/Monday, June 11, 2012

Time: Registration begins at 8.30a for the December exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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