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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

This will be the final Pre-Law e-Newsletter of the 2013-2014 academic year.

For those of you that will be in the area this summer, I encourage you to attend the DC Law Forum, which will be held on Saturday, June 21st at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. The DC Law Forum is the largest of all the LSAC forums, featuring law schools representatives from nearly every law school in the country. Attendance is free and a great way to connect with law school admissions officers to learn more about specific law schools of interest. For more information and to register for the DC Forum, visit: <http://www.lsac.org/jd/choosing-a-law-school/law-school-recruitment-forums>

Good luck to everyone in finishing up this semester, and an early congratulations to the seniors!

2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA

Feintzeig, Rachel and Korn, Melissa. **"Colleges, Employers Rethink Internship Policies: Court Cases, Legislation Spur Some Companies to Drop Programs; Others Introduce Pay."** *The Wall Street Journal*. Web. 22 Apr. 2014.
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304049904579517671151334870> -- changes in response to lawsuits and petitions regarding unpaid internships for college students

Albertson, Alicia. **"More law grads land jobs as market slowly rebounds."** *preLaw*. Web. 15 Apr. 2014.
<http://www.nationaljurist.com/content/more-law-grads-land-jobs-market-slowly-rebounds> -- improvements for "a third straight year, with 57 percent of the class of 2013 employed in long-term, full-time positions that require bar passage within 9 months of graduation."

Liptak, Adam. **“Court Backs Michigan on Affirmative Action.”** *The New York Times*. Web 22 Apr. 2014. <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/23/us/supreme-court-michigan-affirmative-action-ban.html? r=0>
-- Recent U.S. Supreme Court case which “upheld a Michigan constitutional amendment that bans affirmative action in admissions to the state’s public universities.” Sotomayor’s 58 page dissent is generating a lot of discussion. The link to the entire 108 page opinion is located within the article.

3. OPPORTUNITY: PARALEGAL (FT), QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN, LLP (DC)

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP is the largest litigation-only law firm in the world with over 650 attorneys in Los Angeles, Washington DC, New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, London, Tokyo, Germany, Moscow, Hong Kong, Brussels, Paris and Sydney.

They are currently seeking Paralegals in their Washington, DC office. Candidates should demonstrate the highest levels of academic credentials, writing ability and maturity. Candidates should be looking for early responsibility. The Paralegal(s) will primarily work in the Intellectual Property practice.

Duties:

- Organize documents and coordinate document production
- Prepare specified forms, letters or other legal documents
- Obtain documents and certificates from local or federal courts and state agencies
- Prepare and file all court documents
- Conduct various document searches and research
- Prepare witness and matter materials for case preparation
- Prepare for and attend depositions
- Coordinate trial set-up and logistics
- Prepare for and attend trials
- Assist attorneys in the courtroom by taking notes, handling exhibits, and marking documents referred to by counsel
- Act as liaison among various departments as well as with outside vendors

Qualifications:

Qualified candidates must possess a four-year undergraduate degree. Candidates must be self-motivated, have a demonstrated ability to prioritize, meet deadlines, efficiently manage tasks, and produce a high-end work product in a fast-paced environment. Outstanding organizational, administrative, and communication (oral and written) skills are required. Candidates must have a very strong work ethic, attention to detail, and a professional demeanor. Proficiency in the use of the Microsoft Office suite is necessary. Ability and willingness to work overtime is a must.

Benefits:

Benefits include healthcare, life and disability insurance, flexible spending accounts, a 401k and profit sharing plan, monthly transportation allowance, and more!

How to Apply:

Please submit your resume, transcript and writing sample to Sung Bin Lee '13 at sungbinlee@quinnemanuel.com.

4. INTERVIEW: KEVIN E. PARK '10, CORPORATE JUNIOR ASSOCIATE, PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP (NYC)

Kevin E. Park is currently a Corporate Junior Associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

Kevin received his J.D., cum laude, from the New York University School of Law in 2013 where he was an Executive Articles Editor of the *Annual Survey of American Law* and a Research Assistant for Professors Linda Silberman and Helen Hershkoff. Kevin was a 2012 Summer Associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. From the fall of 2012 to the spring of 2013, he was a Legal Intern for Penton Media.

Kevin was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received his B.A. in History and International Studies and his M.A. in History from the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in 2010. While at JHU, Kevin was active in Habitat for Humanity, Blue Key, the Ethics Board and Club Tennis.

Kevin E. Park is admitted to practice in New York.

Questions

1) Describe a day in the life of a Corporate Junior Associate at Paul Weiss.

As an unassigned corporate junior associate, my day varies a lot depending on what types of deals and how many deals I am working on at a given time. The staffing on the deals also affects my work as well. At the moment, most of my time is devoted to an equity offering and two M&A deals. For the equity offering, I am working with just a senior associate and so I am pretty closely involved with drafting the main registration document and usually take the first draft on the other related and ancillary documents (e.g., purchase agreements, resolutions, opinions, etc.). In contrast, on both of my M&A deals I am working as a specialist on either the IP or Entertainment side. Both of these deals are still at an early stage, so I spend a good portion of time conducting due diligence. Once the diligence is complete, I'll draft sections of the diligence memo that will eventually go to the client. After that, my role in the deal will largely be finished and I'll come in mostly to review schedules relating to the IP or Entertainment documents. The corporate juniors will be more involved with the closing because they end up being responsible for all of the closing deliverables.

As for memorable days, I would say some of the most memorable days have been going home and waking up to see a deal that I had just signed or closed on the front page of the NYT or WSJ.

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

I've always had some interest in law and used internships and classes during college to seek out a better view of what the legal field is like. In terms of corporate work, I chose that based on what department at my firm would give me the most exposure to the types of work that I'm interested in (IP and Entertainment). Having not had much business/finance experience in school, being a corporate associate has taught me a lot of how business deals function. As a lawyer, we aren't really involved in pure business decisions, but we do see the entire deal through from the point where the business

people have started to set out an agreement to where it (hopefully) actually goes through. That being said, while prior a prior business/finance background is definitely helpful as a corporate lawyer, it is by no means necessary, and you pick up a lot of information as you go. Also, I think corporate work gives you more exposure to clients early on. Since corporate teams can be very small (e.g., my current equity offering), the junior associates can have a lot of interaction with the clients. I'm in email or phone contact with my equity offering client on almost a daily basis. On my M&A deals, that type of interaction usually only occurs on the corporate team.

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?

Working isn't too different from what people had told me before, but I can't say that I fully understood the responsibilities before. Because law is a service industry, you work at the client's pace. If the client decides that it wants the deal to move on a particular time frame, you're expected to make that happen. Corporate work is more unpredictable than litigation because so much depends on what the client wants to do.

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

It's always good to try and get some exposure to law to decide whether it's something that works for you. I interned at legal aid organizations during two summers in college and thought that both were good experiences. I also did two larger research projects on legal topics: the first as directed research for credit with Joel Grossman, and the second through a PURA grant. I think it's also just very helpful to talk to people who work in the types of institutions or organizations that you're interested in to get a better sense of what they actually do and what their work life is like.

Contact Information

If you would like to learn more about being a corporate junior associate, Paul Weiss or would otherwise like to contact Kevin E. Park, you may reach him at: kevin.park@nyu.edu.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming LSAT Administration

Location: Check with LSAC for testing locations.

Date: Monday, June 9, 2014 / September 27, 2014 / December 6, 2014

Time: Registration begins at 12:30 pm for the June exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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