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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

The 3rd Floor of Garland Hall -- including the Office of Pre-Professional Programs & Advising -- will be hosting an open house for freshmen and sophomores on Wednesday, October 2, 2013 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Co-hosts of the event include the Office of Academic Services, the Career Center, the Office of Study Abroad and the International Students and Scholars Office. Freshmen & Sophomores -- stop by the third floor of Garland Hall for free food and drinks, to learn more about the services offered by each co-host office, and to earn your chance to win \$10 gift cards from Chipotle, Starbucks, Subway, Potbelly & Cold Stone Creamery.

For those taking the LSAT on Saturday, October 5 -- best of luck!

2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA

“Call for Law School Reform” -- includes link to the ABA’s draft report on the future of legal education

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2013/09/20/aba-panel-calls-overhaul-law-school-education>

“Best in World: Harvard still No. 1, but most US schools drop” -- global law school rankings by Quacquarelli Symonds/QS (not USNWR!)

<http://www.nationaljurist.com/content/best-world-harvard-still-no-1-most-us-schools-drop>

“UMemphis launches incubator program for new grads” -- the rise of law school incubator programs for lawyer alumni 1-3 years out of law school

http://www.nationaljurist.com/content/umemphis-launches-incubator-program-new-grads?goback=%2Egde_3276613_member_275307669%2Egde_3276613_member_277000386%2Egde_3276613_member_275307669%2Egde_3276613_member_275380004%2Egde_3276613_member_275036823#%21

“Who’s eating law firms’ lunch?”-- the rise of legal vendors/alternative legal service providers and their impact on law firms’ bottom line/growth, including new and junior associates

http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/whos_eating_law_firms_lunch/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly_email&utm_source=maestro&sc_cid=130925BE&goback=%2Egde_3276613_member_275307669%2Egde_3276613_member_277000386#%21

3. OPPORTUNITY: BALTIMORE EDUCATION FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

Local gap year opportunity, which may be of particular interest to those interested in education law and policy work...

The Baltimore Education Fellows Scholarship is open to recent graduates of JHU's Krieger School of Arts and Sciences who want to make a difference in the classroom and are interested in urban education reform. The scholarship provides for full-tuition support and a \$20,000 living stipend for deserving and highly-qualified candidates who have a desire to gain experience in the most challenged and low-performing schools.

Baltimore Education Fellows are enrolled in the full-time [Master of Arts in Teaching \(MAT\)](#) program, with a few variations based on the intent of the scholarship:

- Certification areas are in elementary education only (Grades 1-6)*
- 1 pre-internship in a community and educational setting in Baltimore City
- 2 clinical internships in Baltimore City schools only, with priority given to JHU-operated schools
- All classes are held at the Homewood campus

**For 2014-2015, only elementary certification is available.*

Interested? For more information, please visit the following link:

<http://education.jhu.edu/Academics/masters/MAT/fellows/index.html>

4. INTERVIEW: SARAH A. LEWIS '99, SENIOR DIRECTOR & COUNSEL, ICON INVESTMENTS

Sarah A. Lewis is currently Senior Director and Counsel at Icon Investments, an asset management company based in NYC. In this position, Ms. Lewis drafts and reviews fund offering documents, coordinates and responds to due diligence requests, and supervises and works on acquisition documents for equipment fund purchases, among other tasks. Prior to joining Icon, she was Principal & Associate General Counsel at Gleacher & Company in NYC for two years. While at Gleacher, Ms. Lewis provided legal support to the Investment Banking division. For seven years, Ms. Lewis was a Corporate Associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in NYC, where she had summered before entering her third year of law school and joined full-time upon graduation. Her practice areas at Wachtell included mergers and acquisitions, securities law and general corporate law.

The summer following her first year of law school, Ms. Lewis was a Legal Intern in the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, DC. Before entering law school, Ms. Lewis was a Research Analyst for Glassman-Oliver Economic Consultants in Washington, DC.

Ms. Lewis received her JD in 2003, graduating *magna cum laude* and a member of the Order of the Coif from University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she had served as Associate Editor and Senior Editor Liaison of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Ms. Lewis received her BA in Economics and Political Science in 1999, graduating with general honors, departmental honors in economics, and Phi Beta Kappa from Johns Hopkins University.

Sarah A. Lewis is admitted to practice in New York State.

Questions

1) Describe a day in the life as Senior Director & Counsel at Icon Securities.

The best way to describe a day in the life of in-house counsel, is to say there is no typical day! I recently started a new position as Senior Director & Counsel at Icon Investments, an asset management

company, and prior to that was Principal & Associate Counsel at Gleacher & Company, an investment bank.

Most days involve a bit of juggling, determining what is the most important “important” task at hand, negotiating with both internal clients (e.g., business people) and outside parties and reviewing and commenting on agreements.

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

When I was a senior at Johns Hopkins University, I thought I wanted to go to law school. I had always been around lawyers and I was an economics and political science major so law school made sense to me as a next step. I applied to various law schools and was wait listed at the University of Pennsylvania, which was my first choice. While on the wait list, I was offered the opportunity to either stay on the wait list (knowing there may not be room for me in the class) or accept admission to Penn for the next year. I choose the later since I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to work for a year and then decide if I really was interested in law school.

That year, I worked at an economic consulting company doing economic analysis. During that year, I decided that I wanted to attend law school because I found the jobs of the economic consulting company lawyer clients' interesting.

Some of the rewards of working as in-house counsel are that it allows me to combine working as a business lawyer with pursuing the interests of the business itself. It also allows me to have an interesting career where I also have time to pursue my interests outside of the office, and have a decent (for the most part) work-life balance.

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 in law is very demanding. I don't think that I fully understood how available you would need to be as a lawyer. As an associate, I was always on call, and now, I am always on call as well (but I am less called upon on nights and weekends).

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

Before attending law school, think through whether you really want to go to law school and/or practice law. Law school is an expensive, three year commitment. The commitment is worth it if you are sure that you want to pursue law; but, if you are just going to law school because it “makes sense” think through whether it really makes sense for you. Law school made sense for me, and I have enjoyed practicing law -- both as an associate at a law firm and as an in-house attorney.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to contact Sarah A. Lewis, you can reach her via email at: salewis03@gmail.com

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freshmen & Sophomore Open House

Location: 3rd Floor of Garland Hall

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Description: The Office of Pre-Professional Programs & Advising, the Office of Academic Services, the Career Center, the Office of Study Abroad and the International Students and Scholars Office are hosting an open house for freshmen & sophomores. Stop by the third floor of

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George Washington Law Individual Interviews (current applicants only)

Location: Interview Room #3 of the Career Center, Third Floor of Garland Hall

Date: Friday, October 4, 2013

Time: 10:30am to 2:30pm

Description: Sophia Sim, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, George Washington Law, will conduct individual interviews with prospective current applicants. Interviews slots are limited to current (those interested in matriculating to law school Fall 2014), prospective applicants to GW Law and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested and can be available for 15 minutes within the 10:30 am to 2:30pm time period on October 4, please email me at adrosco1@jhu.edu.

Columbia Law School Info Session

Location: Sherwood Room, Levering Hall

Date: Monday, October 7, 2013

Time: 12pm to 1pm

Description: An admissions representative from Columbia Law School will present an information session and answer questions.

New York University Law School Info Session

Location: Gilman 55

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Time: 12pm to 1pm

Description: An admissions representative from NYU Law will present an information session and answer questions.

Baltimore Regional Law Fair

Location: John and Frances Angelos Law Center, The University of Baltimore School of Law

Date: Tuesday, October 15

Time: 4pm to 7pm

Description: Meet with representatives from law schools across the country -- from Hawaii to Massachusetts -- at the Baltimore Regional Law Fair! No R.S.V.P. required. Walk-ins are welcome! For more information visit:

<http://www.ubalt.edu/calendar/EventDetail.cfm?eventId=11837&daterequest=10/15/2013&caltitle=School%20of%20Law&path=0&calview=Calendar>

Harvard Law School Webinar

Date: Monday, October 28, 2013

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Description: Harvard Law School will be hosting a webinar for those interested in their JD program. Details regarding how to register are TBD and will follow.

Upcoming LSAT Administration

Location: Check with LSAC for testing locations.

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2013 / Saturday, December 7, 2013 / Saturday, February 8, 2014

Time: Registration begins at 8:30 am for the October exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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Please feel free to use the resource library between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. every day or visit our website <http://web.jhu.edu/prepro/> for additional information.

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