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

Harvard Law School (HLS) will be hosting a webinar on Monday, October 28, 2013, from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. The webinar session will include a presentation and Q&A with Anne Taylor, Assistant Director of Admissions. The webinar is open to all Johns Hopkins students and alumni interested in applying to HLS.

To log into the session, visit the following webinar link: <http://bit.ly/19orF1O>. Additional webinar instructions and tips can be found below, in Section 5.

For more information or if you have additional questions, please email HLS at [jdadmiss@law.harvard.edu](mailto:jdadmiss@law.harvard.edu).

**2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA**

**“The ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar -- Employment Summary Report” -- research employment statistics by individual law school**  
<http://employmentsummary.abaquestionnaire.org/>

**“Calling All Unemployed Law Grads: Greenberg Is Hiring” -- Greenberg Traurig offers new legal residency program**  
[http://www.americanlawyer.com/PubArticleALD.jsp?id=1202624550961&Calling\\_All\\_Unemployed\\_Law\\_Grads\\_Greenberg\\_is\\_Hiring&slreturn=20130923145325&goback=%2Egde\\_3276613\\_member\\_5798854\\_129078001667#%21](http://www.americanlawyer.com/PubArticleALD.jsp?id=1202624550961&Calling_All_Unemployed_Law_Grads_Greenberg_is_Hiring&slreturn=20130923145325&goback=%2Egde_3276613_member_5798854_129078001667#%21)

**“Justice Kennedy On Law School, Blogging, And Popular Culture” -- Justice Kennedy comments on the 2 v. 3 years of law school debate**  
[http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2013/10/10/justice-kennedy-on-law-school-blogging-and-popular-culture/?mod=newsreel&goback=%2Egmp\\_3276613#%21](http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2013/10/10/justice-kennedy-on-law-school-blogging-and-popular-culture/?mod=newsreel&goback=%2Egmp_3276613#%21)

**“Will 'U.S. News' Ignore the ABA?” -- USNWR (lack of?) response to ABA recommendations**  
<http://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2013/10/14/will-us-news-ignore-aba#>

**3. OPPORTUNITY: LEGAL INTERN, SILVERMAN, THOMPSON, SLUTKIN & WHITE, LLC**

Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White, LLC, located in downtown Baltimore, is seeking a part-time Intern for its Real Estate Litigation and Collections practice group.

### **Qualifications**

Interested Applicants must:

- Be able to work 6 to 8 hours per week (preferably split between 2 days)
- Have strong organizational and time management skills
- Be reliable and have excellent ability to follow through with deadlines and projects

### **Duties**

An Intern will assist us in the following:

- Preparing case files;
- Drafting correspondence;
- Conducting research on a variety of issues; and
- Maintaining our case management system and other administrative tasks as needed.

Please note that the position is unpaid.

### **How to Apply**

Any student wishing to apply for this position should submit a resume with a cover letter to [ksmith@mdattorney.com](mailto:ksmith@mdattorney.com) no later than November 15, 2013.

Contact Information:

Kerri L. Smith, Esq.  
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### **4. INTERVIEW: LEAH (GREENFIELD) EDELBOIM '04, FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING ASSOCIATE, CLIFFORD CHANCE US LLP**

Leah Edelboim practices law in the areas of bankruptcy and financial restructuring in the New York office of Clifford Chance US LLP. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Edelboim served as a law clerk for the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Edelboim received her *Juris Doctor* in 2010 from the University of Miami School of Law from which she graduated *cum laude*. She also completed an LL.M. in Bankruptcy Law at St. John's University School of Law in New York. Ms. Edelboim graduated with general honors from Johns Hopkins University in 2004, with a *Bachelor of Arts* in Political Science with a minor in Psychological and Brain Sciences.

For three years prior to attending law school, Ms. Edelboim worked as a producer for Bloomberg Television in New York.

Leah Edelboim is licensed to practice in New York State.

### **1) Describe a day in the life of a Financial Restructuring Associate at Clifford Chance in New York.**

One of the most interesting and challenging parts of my practice is that I rarely know what each day will bring. The practice is quite varied, as bankruptcy is a hybrid of transactional and litigation work. On one day I may be working on a team advising a client on a business transaction such as buying an asset of a company in bankruptcy. Or, we may be advising a client who is pursuing a business deal that is impacted in some way by a bankruptcy. The very next day I may be doing legal research and working a brief for a litigation in bankruptcy court or in the district court.

Another interesting part of my practice is that my firm represents clients here in the U.S. as well as in Europe and Asia. This means we may advise a foreign client on the implications of U.S. law. Other times we may work in conjunction with teams of lawyers in one or more of our other offices trying to problem-solve across borders and legal systems.

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

I got involved in bankruptcy law without knowing anything about it. Between my second and third years of law school I wanted to be in a clinic. When I registered for classes, I noticed that there was only one spot open in the bankruptcy clinic, and I took it. I had never even taken a bankruptcy class.

The clinic was an extremely rewarding experience and a wonderful introduction to bankruptcy law. We represented individuals facing financial hardship both in negotiations with creditors and in bankruptcy court. I even got to try a case in bankruptcy court! The clinic was also a great experience, because it was a lesson in how rewarding *pro bono* legal work can be, and in the importance of doing such work.

Concurrently with the clinic, I took a number of courses in bankruptcy, and I had the opportunity to serve as an intern for a bankruptcy judge. All of this led to a clerkship in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York -- the Court that large cases such as Lehman Brothers, Madoff, General Motors, Chrysler, Worldcom, and Enron were filed. The clerkship added another layer to my experience and education in bankruptcy law. It also confirmed that I chose the right practice area.

In my current practice we represent parties in complex Chapter 11 cases that may have hundreds or thousands of parties and billions of dollars at stake. The fast-moving nature of bankruptcy means that we are constantly dealing with new issues, which can be very interesting and intellectually challenging. I enjoy constantly learning new things, whether it is the details of a complex derivative transaction or how bankruptcy law intersects with another area of law like intellectual property or insurance.

Overall, the most rewarding part about bankruptcy is that you can take an understanding of bankruptcy law and apply it to extremely complicated, intellectually stimulating questions concerning complex financial transactions. Then, you can take the same principles and help a *pro bono* client in a meaningful way, such as helping a family to save their home.

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

The hours and work can be unpredictable at times, but that is something I knew and expected going to work for a large law firm in New York. I carefully considered the decision to go to law school, so I think that I had a fairly accurate picture of what to expect. The unexpected aspect was that the financial crisis took place while I was in law school, which has had serious consequences for the legal profession. I feel very fortunate to have the position I do.

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

Only go to law school if you want to be a lawyer. A number of students believe they can go to law school and figure it out from there. Given the cost of a legal education, the demands of legal practice, and the uncertainty of the current legal job market, you should be certain about the decision to attend law school. I would encourage anyone interested in law school to first work in some capacity within the legal field.

I would also encourage students to explore their interests and think about working for a few years between college and law school. I worked in television production at Bloomberg for three years before I went to law school. While my current job could not be more different, that experience was very beneficial

for me. Working for those few years helped me gain work experience and life experience. I entered law school with valuable perspective, confident in my decision, and with a strong business network in place. All of that can make you a better lawyer.

### **Contact information**

If you would like to learn more about bankruptcy law, Clifford Chance, or if you have any questions for Leah Edelboim, you may contact her by email at [leah.edelboim@cliffordchance.com](mailto:leah.edelboim@cliffordchance.com).

## **5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Harvard Law School Webinar**

**Date:** Monday, October 28, 2013

**Time:** 2pm to 3pm

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A few instructions and tips to prepare you for the event:

- If you attend this session by using a wireless connection, you may notice a delay. Try not use wireless, if possible.
- When you click on the link above, a new window will appear asking you to enter a user name. Please note that the user name you provide will be seen by everyone attending the session.
- After clicking "login," a message box will appear. Click "run" to launch Elluminate Live!
- Go through "audio setup" under Tools, so that you can hear the presentation.
- There will be time set aside for questions. In order to ask a question, please type the question in the chat box on the left-hand side of the screen. This function will be available after the initial presentation has finished.

### **Upcoming LSAT Administration**

**Location:** Check with LSAC for testing locations.

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 2013 / Saturday, February 8, 2014 / Monday, June 9, 2014

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

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