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

This will be the final Pre-Law e-Newsletter of 2014-2015 academic year. Remember that the office is open and that I am available for both in-person and phone appointments over the summer. Good luck finishing up the semester, and congratulations to the graduating seniors!

Next week, there is a program of potential interest to a pre-law student:

The Alexander Hamilton Society presents Terror in America: What if it happens again? A debate between Princeton's Professor Aaron Friedberg and Johns Hopkins' very own, Professor Daniel Deudney, addressing the threats facing our nation today. The debate will be moderated by Johns Hopkins' Professor Steven David. Thursday, April 30th at 7:30pm in Mudd 26. Co-Sponsored by I.D.E.A.L.

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

Kenny, Juliana. "Next Generation of Lawyers' Social Media Use Could Impact Future Practice: New study found that teens report massive dependency on Internet use." *Law Technology News*. Web. 13 Apr. 2015. <http://www.legaltechnews.com/id=1202723328908/?slreturn=20150324102947> -- new Pew Research Center research on teen use of social media causes speculation about what such findings may mean for the way that future generations of lawyers will practice law.

Kitroeff, Natalie. "The Smartest People Are Opting Out of Law School: Fewer people with high test scores are going to law school, and low performers are

**filling their slots."** *Bloomberg BNA*. Web. 15 Apr. 2015.  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-04-15/the-smartest-people-are-opting-out-of-law-school> -- new analyses from the Law School Admission Council that show that law school applicants with the highest test scores are dropping faster than those with lower test scores.

Li, Victor. "**Georgetown Law teams up with 2 firms to create 'low bono' law firm.**" *ABA Journal*. Web. 16 Apr. 15.  
<http://www.abajournal.com/lawscribbler/article/georgetown-law-2-firms-team-to-create-low-bono-law-firm/> -- Georgetown Law has announced that it will team up with DLA Piper and Arent Fox to create a new nonprofit law firm designed to help low income individuals with their civil law needs.

### **3. OPPORTUNITY: 2015 UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER INTERNSHIP, NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

#### **Internship description**

The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct is the independent agency of state government that reviews complaints of misconduct against the 3,500 judges and justices of the State Unified Court System and, where appropriate, renders public disciplinary determinations.

This summer, the Commission is making two internships available to undergraduates.

Responsibilities may include:

- Scanning and setting up on-line files for Commission complaints, Commission mailings and public files
- Drafting staff reports summarizing and making recommendations for new complaints
- Assisting attorneys and investigators as needed
- Assisting in preparation of Commission Meeting Mailings
- Updating legal spread sheets and assisting the Commission's Clerk as needed

#### **How to apply**

Please send a resume, cover letter and writing sample to [harrison@cjc.ny.gov](mailto:harrison@cjc.ny.gov). Please include "2015 Undergraduate Summer Internship" in the subject line of the email.

For more information/to see the complete listing, visit:  
<http://www.idealists.org/view/internship/9TBt7dnZ3pbD/>

### **4. INTERVIEW: PATRICK PARK '06, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION ASSOCIATE, KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP**

Patrick Park is an Intellectual Property (IP) Litigation Associate in the Los Angeles office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP (K&E). He concentrates his practice on patent infringement litigation.

Patrick received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 2014. While there, he was the Chief Executive Editor for *Duke Law & Technology Review* and Lead Editor for *Alaska Law Review*.

Before law school, Patrick worked at Procurian as a Program Management Associate, at Accenture as an Analyst, and at JHK Law as a Technical Specialist.

Patrick graduated with departmental and university honors from Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in 2006, with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, with concentration in Electrical Engineering. While at JHU, Patrick conducted research at the Krieger Mind/Brain Institute and Latrobe Hall Robotics Lab.

Patrick Park is fluent in Korean and heavily involved with the Inland Presbyterian Church's young adult ministry.

## **Questions**

### **1) Describe a day in the life of an IP Litigation Associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.**

Generally, I start my day at work reading my e-mails. After, I may spend my day writing briefs, drafting discovery requests and responses, defending/taking depositions, and researching legal issues pertinent to the cases I'm on. Since I started in October, 2014, I have been involved in patent and pro bono cases. I am part of a team that is representing over 100 tenants of slum housing against former owners of building. On this case, I had an opportunity to prepare and defend multiple clients for their deposition.

### **2) What did you pursue during your law school summers and before beginning your current position? How did you go about researching these opportunities?**

I split my 1L summer. For the first half, I worked at Patterson & Sheridan (North Carolina office) as a summer associate prosecuting patents. For the second half, I worked as a judicial intern at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. After my 1L first semester, I actively searched for any internship that would allow me to explore my interest in patents and in litigation. I mainly used Duke Law's internal portal that lists all the available internships.



For my 2L summer, I worked at K&E as a summer IP litigation associate. During my 1L summer, I attended Chicago IP Fair, where I interviewed with K&E. Fortunately, the interviewer liked me enough to invite me to K&E's LA office for my final round of interviews. Before going to any interviews, I researched the firms I was interested in and

talked to attorneys who work there to learn about their practice groups and their lives as an associate. Although it was time consuming, I would highly recommend using your 1L summer to do a lot of the leg work to research about firms or organizations that you would like to work for your 2L summer.

### **3) What initially attracted you to your current field?**

I took a class called BME in the Real World at Hopkins. One lecturer was a patent agent who had a B.S. in BME. His work, which involved both science and law, sounded interesting.

### **4) How would you compare the reality of law school and the ensuing job search to the picture you had of it while an undergraduate?**

As an undergraduate, I heard horror stories about law school. Though challenging and painful at times, law school was a great learning and personal experience.

### **5) What was your favorite law school class, and why? How did you go about choosing classes after your first year of law school?**

My favorite class was evidence. My evidence professor called on people and made them argue as if they were arguing in front of a judge. Standing up and arguing in front of your class sounds intimidating. However, such classroom environment forced me to think quick on my feet and better understand evidence law because I had to apply the law by arguing about it. After my first year of law school, I took IP classes to help me learn about the field I was interested in and other classes that sounded interesting.

### **6) What types of undergraduate opportunities did you pursue that led to your decision to apply to law school? Were there any experiences that you felt were particularly helpful in strengthening your application to law school?**

Before applying to law school, except for working for eight months as a technical specialist at a patent boutique (law firm), I barely did anything that was related to the law. However, I did work for four years at consulting firms, which may have strengthened my application. I do not think it is necessary to take law-related classes or work in the legal field. You will do that at and after law school. I would strongly encourage people who plan to apply to law school to explore their interest(s). This can include traveling to places you love or you've never been, volunteering for an organization you support, and/or working in the private/public sector.

### **7) What made you choose Duke Law and did it meet your expectations? What do you see as the primary pros and cons of law school, and, particularly, Duke Law?**

I chose Duke Law because I wanted to attend a school with a small class size. Duke Law is a close-knit community, so I enjoyed getting to know everyone in my class. Also, the

professors were easy to approach and willing to answer questions about class or give advice re our career. If you want to attend a law school in a big city, then Duke is definitely not it. However, there are plenty of activities (*e.g.*, sports games, museum, hiking, great restaurants) to do around the campus and in North Carolina.

**8) Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing law school and a career in law given your experience in today's legal market and now as an associate?**

I would highly recommend working for several years before applying to law schools. At least for me, I had the opportunity to explore fields that I had never considered and learned how to work with diverse people. Although it is easy for people to say that they have great teamwork skills, it is another to work with people from radically different backgrounds in a professional setting. It is both fun and challenging. My five years of work experience before attending law school helped me not only to better handle law school, but also to prepare for my current job.

**Contact Information**

If you would like to learn more about being a law student at Duke Law, an IP Litigation Associate at K&E or would otherwise like to contact Patrick Park, you may reach him at: [jpark115@gmail.com](mailto:jpark115@gmail.com).

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

**Upcoming LSAT Administration**

**Location:** Visit <http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/testing-locations> for testing location information.

**Date:** June 8, 2015 / October 3, 2015 / December 5, 2015

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

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