

Pre-Law E-Newsletter

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE ADVISOR

I hope that everyone who completed the September LSAT feels somewhat relieved. I know that complete relief will not be realized until you have received your score.

In the meantime, try not to speculate about your performance on the test until you actually have your results in hand. If you must anticipate the worst, determine your contingency plans - i.e., generating an alternate list of law schools to apply, planning to take a year off and possibly retaking the exam, etc. - and then try to shelve your concern for now.

To those of you who are not applying this fall, especially juniors, some advice on letters of recommendation. Remember that you will need letters of recommendation from faculty members for your law school applications. As a result, you will need to actively pursue and develop relationships with some of your professors. Do this by visiting them during office hours, chatting with them after class, etc. Start this process now so that you are not at a loss fall semester senior year when it is time for you to apply.

Ana L. Droskoski, Esq.

2. PRE-LAW QUESTION OF THE WEEK: TO WHICH LAW SCHOOLS SHOULD I APPLY?

As you may already know, the most persuasive factors in your law school application materials will be your LSAT score first and your UGPA second. Once you have your LSAT score, conduct an LSAC data search by inputting your UGPA and LSAT score where indicated on the following site: <http://officialguide.lsac.org/docs/cgi-bin/home.asp>. The results generated by this search will show your percentage of chance of admission to almost all of the ABA accredited law schools in the nation. When compiling your list, be sure to include a range of schools: "reach," "match" & "safety." "Reach" schools will be those in your search results that show you have about a 25% chance of admission. "Match" schools will be in the 50% range, and "safety" schools will be in the 75% range. You can further hone your list using personal, geographic preferences. Law school will comprise at least three years of your life - make sure you have interest in residing in the locations of the law schools to which you apply!

3. ON CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT: THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERN

The mission of the Center for Social Concern (CSC) is to emphasize the value of service with others, rather than the commonly accepted concept of service to others. The volunteer and client enter into an educational process where both benefit from the interaction and reciprocal learning is the common ground for all CSC initiatives.

The CSC organizes all of its 40+ student groups into four Learning Communities, which represent the four areas of focus for the Center for Social Concern. These five areas are: Arts, Health, Tutoring/Mentoring, Social Justice, and the "Three A's" (Advocacy, Awareness, Activism). CSC's Student Advisory Board oversees these Learning Communities.

The Center for Social Concern is located on the second floor of Levering Hall.

For more information, visit <http://www.jhu.edu/csc/> or the CSC in person!

4. FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT: AITCHISON'S PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

The Johns Hopkins University Aitchison Public Service Undergraduate Fellowship is a residential program that gives Hopkins juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn 15 credits while making connections and gaining real-world experience as they spend a full semester in Washington, D.C.

Based in the Johns Hopkins Bernstein Offit Building, located at 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, the Aitchison Fellowship Program allows JHU students to

- Take three academic courses taught by Johns Hopkins Faculty
- Attend lectures and symposiums by elected officials, political consultants, ambassadors, journalists, and visiting professors
- Intern with the policy makers and elected officials, lobbyists, or civil servants who turn the wheels of government
- Develop an individual research project based on your internship using the resources of Washington, D.C. including the Library of Congress and the National Archives
- Explore the social and cultural resources of Washington: music and theater at the Kennedy Center, exhibits at the Smithsonian and D.C.'s many other museums, the cuisine and dance clubs of Adams Morgan, walking and shopping along the Georgetown waterfront

Previous internship placements have included: The World Bank, D.C. Public Defender Service, U.S. Attorney's Office of Narcotics & Organized Crime, D.C. Attorney General's Office, State Department, Council for Court Excellence, Whistleblower Center, and various Senators' offices.

DEADLINE:

Students who wish to be considered for early (non-binding) decision should apply by January 15. The regular application deadline is March 4. All applications must be received by the deadline. Applications received after March 5 will be considered only if spaces in the Aitchison Program remain available.

Visit http://web.jhu.edu/polysci/aitchison_fellowship.html for more complete and contact information.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Market Prospects for Attorneys

Presenter: Jose Bahamonde-Gonzalez

Location: TBD

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Time: 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Jose Bahamonde-Gonzalez, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs and Student Services at UMD School of Law & Vice President of the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) will discuss the current job market for attorneys.

LSAT Workshop - CANCELLED

Location: Maryland 110

Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Time: 5:15pm to 6:15pm

An alternate program will not be offered.

Career Series Panel: Corporate Law

Presenters: TBD

Location: Maryland 110

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Time: 5:15pm to 6:15pm

Moderated panel presentation by attorneys - and Hopkins alum! - in the field of Corporate Law.

Sponsored by the Office of Pre-Professional Programs & Advising & the Second Decade Society

LSAT Administration for 2007

Location: On campus, Hodson 110 - check with LSDAS for additional testing locations

Dates: Saturday, December 1, 2007

Time: Registration begins at 8:30am - consult with LSDAS for all controlling details

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Pre-Law Walkins: Mondays 10:00am to 11:30am

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Appts: Mondays/Thursdays 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

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