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1. MESSAGE FROM THE ADVISOR

Have a great fall break!

Ana L. Droskoski, Esq.

2. PRE-LAW QUESTION OF THE WEEK: HOW DO I FORWARD MY TRANSCRIPTS TO THE LSDAS?

After you register for the LSDAS, you must have a separate transcript sent to LSAC directly from each undergraduate and graduate institution you attended. Transcripts must be sent directly from the institutions attended. It takes LSAC approximately two weeks from the time of receipt of your transcripts to process them.

It is your responsibility to have an official copy of all required transcripts sent to LSAC directly from the registrar's office of each institution and to ensure that they are processed and on file. You must use LSAC's Transcript Request Forms for this purpose. If you register online, your Transcript Request Forms will be available only after you register for the LSDAS and enter your school information. Transcript Request Forms are also available in the LSAT & LSDAS Registration Packet for those who register by mail. To download the transcript request forms, log on to your Online Services account, go to the My Docs tab, and select Forms.

3. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT: BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

One way to gain experience in the legal field is volunteering at the Office of the Public Defender. Volunteering at the Public Defender is a great way to gain an introduction to criminal law and courtroom experience. Hopkins students who have interned at the Baltimore City Office of the Public Defender have had the opportunity to question clients, transcribe police interrogations, observe court cases, and even visit crime scenes with attorneys to try to piece together events in a case.

College/Law School Internship/Volunteer Application can be found by visiting the following link:

<http://www.opd.state.md.us/Employment/legalapplications.htm>

Contact Information:

Baltimore City Office of the Public Defender

201 St. Paul Place

Baltimore, MD 21202

410.333.4900

4. PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT: TEACH FOR AMERICA

Teach For America (TFA) can be a great, 2 year term experience between your undergraduate and law school career. Participation in the program will enhance your law school applications and provide real world work experience as well. Teach For America also has partnerships with many law schools across the country. Some law schools have automatic deferral agreements, application fee waivers, and some even offer considerable scholarships for program alumni!

General Overview:

Teach For America is the national corps of recent college graduates and young professionals of all academic majors, career interests, and professional backgrounds who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools and in an effort to expand educational opportunity.

Generally, corps members have an average GPA of 3.6 and 95 percent held leadership positions on their college campuses.

Here's what the TFA website has to say about TFA alumni who go on to pursue careers in law:

Alumni in Law

Joining Teach For America before entering law school could make your professional career more meaningful and focused. By committing two years to teach in an urban or rural community, you can have a significant impact on the lives of children facing the challenges of poverty. At the same time, you can gain real-world insight into many of the social issues that our country's laws and public policies must address. From the first day of law school, Teach For America alumni recognize the value of knowing firsthand how abstract legal concepts and policies impact children and families in low-income communities. Additionally, the rigor of the corps experience inspires deep personal strength that fuels their drive for excellence in their legal careers. Finally, alumni state that managing a classroom of students—leading them towards ambitious goals—provided them the confidence, maturity, unique credibility, and the practical skills that enabled them to make a huge impact both in their personal and professional lives.

For more information, visit <http://www.teachforamerica.org>

Or local contact: Thomas Clark, Recruitment Director

Phone: 443-248-3629

E-mail: thomas.clark@teachforamerica.org

Next Application Deadline:

Friday, November 2

11:59 pm PDT (2:59 am EDT)

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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**STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS AND ADVISING**

**Ana L. Droscoski, Esq., who advises Pre-Law students:**

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

Pre-Law Appts: Mondays/Thursdays 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Wednesdays 10:00am to 11:30am & 2pm to 3pm

**Melinda Maris, Ph.D., who advises Pre-Health students:**

Walkins: Mondays/Thursdays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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

**David Verrier, Ph.D., Director, who advises Pre-Health & Pre-Law students:**

Walkins: Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Appts: Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

**The Administrative Coordinators are available to answer questions and schedule appointments:**

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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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