

# Pre-Law E-Newsletter

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## 1. MESSAGE FROM THE ADVISOR

For those of you that completed the September LSAT, you should receive your scores this week. Hopefully everyone did even better than anticipated! Regardless, be sure to reassess your list of law schools to which you intend to apply (conduct an ABA-LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools: LSAC Data Search on the LSAC site ([www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)) to ensure that your range of schools is still realistic.

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## 2. PRE-LAW QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS THE UGPA?

LSDAS requires that you submit transcripts from all colleges and universities where you have acquired college or university credit. LSDAS assigns their own numerical values to any and all letter grades of record. As a result, the LSDAS calculated undergraduate GPA (UGPA) may be different from your Hopkins cumulative GPA. Once your Bachelors has issued, your UGPA has been set - additional graduate work will not alter this figure. Note that your UGPA is generally the second most influential factor in your application package, following your LSAT score(s).

## 3. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, (REE) FOREIGN SERVICE SPECIALIST, STUDENT PROGRAM, SUMMER 2008 INTERNSHIP

This program is a great opportunity - many positions are paid and geographic placements vary, but include D.C. - for those interested in working for the federal government and those interested in international law.

### Overview

The U.S. Department of State offers opportunities to get first hand experience in the field of foreign affairs.

Internships are excellent preparation for future careers in both the Civil Service and the Foreign Service. The Department is looking for students with a broad range of majors, such as Business or Public Administration, Social Work, Economics, Information Management, Journalism, and the Biological, Physical and Engineering Sciences, as well as those majors more traditionally identified with international affairs.

### Duties

Intern duties and responsibilities may vary according to post or office of assignment. For instance, interns may write reports on human rights issues, assist with trade negotiations, assist with citizen's services or visa work, help Americans in distress abroad, or organize conferences or visits of high-level officials. Others may research economic or environmental issues, write news stories, work on web pages or help produce electronic journals.

Interns with scientific and technical backgrounds might work with issues such as arms control, genetically modified organisms (GMO's), infectious diseases, and remote sensing.

Those interested in management may use their expertise working on projects involving budgets, human resources, information systems, or general logistical support to posts abroad. Some may be involved in educational and cultural exchange activities. Interns are also instrumental in the recruiting of U.S. speakers and specialists for overseas programs.

#### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted electronically through the "Gateway to State" system. To learn more about this position and to begin the application process visit:

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=62460565>

\*\*\*DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2007\*\*\*

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

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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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