

Pre-Law E-Newsletter

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1. MESSAGE FROM THE ADVISOR

I hope that everyone had a restful and happy Thanksgiving break - and did not overeat too much...

For the fall 2008 applicants, I know that some of you have received acceptances from some great law schools - already! Please continue to keep me posted on the admission decisions from all schools to which you applied, and know that I always want to hear your good news! In the springtime, I would like everyone who applied this fall to complete a form, which I will forward through the pre-law listserv, detailing all your final application and admission decisions. Please be on the lookout for it and respond to it upon receipt in the upcoming months.

For the rest of you, as this semester draws to a close and the summer draws nearer, consider looking into internship and employment opportunities in a legal setting. This will allow you to observe what you may do following your completion of law school - and whether it is indeed something you wish to pursue.

Ana L. Droscoski, Esq.

2. PRACTICE AREA FOCUS: PRODUCT LIABILITY LAW (see dictionary.law.com)

It is the responsibility of manufacturers, distributors and sellers of products to the public, to deliver products free of defects which harm an individual or numerous persons and to make good on that responsibility if their products are defective. These can include faulty auto brakes, contaminated baby food, exploding bottles of beer, flammable children's pajamas or lack of label warnings. Examples: Beauty Queen Hair Products makes a hair-permanent kit in which the formula will cause loss of hair to women with sensitive scalps, and Molly Makeup has her hair done at the Bon Ton Beauty Shop and suffers scalp burns and loss of hair. Molly has a claim for damages against Beauty Queen, the manufacturer. Big Boy Trucks makes a truck with a faulty steering gear, bought by Tom Holdtight. The gear fails and Holdtight runs off the road and breaks his back. Holdtight can sue Big Boy for the damages. The key element in product liability law is that a person who suffers harm must prove the failure of the product to make the seller, distributor and/or manufacturer reliable for damages. An injured person usually need only sue the seller and let him/her/it bring the manufacturer or distributor into the lawsuit or require contribution toward a judgment. However, all those possibly responsible should be named in the suit as defendants if they are known.

3. LEGAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: LAW CLERK, EVERT WEATHERSBY HOUFF

This is a paid, summer opportunity to gain exposure to the practice of law in a law firm setting. Evert Weathersby Houff (EWH) is a boutique civil litigation firm focused on emerging products liability and toxic tort arenas. EWH has played roles in both local and national litigation for several Fortune 500 companies named in asbestos-related personal injury, products liability, premises liability and property damage claims.

Evert Weathersby Houff is located in the SunTrust Bank Building near the Inner Harbor. For more information, including practice areas, go to their website: <http://www.ewhlaw.com/>

This is a Law Clerk position with a pay rate of \$10/hr. Although it is a summer position, it may be possible to continue the position during the school year. Duties will include providing general office support to attorneys and paralegals, document review and management, etc. Law Clerks may also attend depositions, hearings, etc., as their schedules permit.

To pursue this opportunity and obtain additional information, please contact Hopkins Alumnae Clare M. Maisano, Esq. directly at cmmesq@gmail.com. Be sure to state the purpose of your inquiry and to provide background information on yourself.

4. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Programming - Coming Soon!

LSAT Administration for 2008

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

Dates: Saturday, February 2, 2008

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

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

Walkins: Friday 10:00 am to 12:00 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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