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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

For those of you that attended the law fair this past Monday, I received a lot of positive feedback regarding turnout from law school representatives. It was good to see so many of you in attendance, and I hope that you found it informative and worthwhile. Special thanks to LaTonia Sanders, an Administrative Coordinator in the Office, who played a huge role in administering the event. If you are interested in learning more about Harvard Law School or Yale Law School, be sure to attend their information sessions in October.

Current Applicants: If you have not already met with me, please make an appointment to do so. Also, remember that I can review application items including personal statements, addendums, supplemental essays, etc. if they are emailed to me at adrosco1@jhu.edu. To those of you who have already submitted your law school applications – well done, best of luck, and remember to keep me posted!

To Everyone: To schedule an appointment with me, please contact the appropriate Administrative Coordinator or Secretary in the Office, based on your last name. You should also follow up with your Administrative Coordinator or Secretary regarding items in your file. Be sure to introduce yourself the next time you see them in the Office!

For students whose last name begins with A-G, contact Ms. Harding:
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Finally, for those registered to take the LSAT at JHU on Saturday, October 4, please note that the testing location has changed to Remsen 001.

Good luck to everyone taking the LSAT on October 4!

2. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: SEO CORPORATE LAW PROGRAM

The Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Corporate Law Program allows interns to observe and experience first-hand the day-to-day duties and responsibilities of corporate attorneys at some of the nation's most prestigious firms working in their New York City and now Washington DC offices. Interns

get the opportunity to be introduced to partners, associates, in-house counsel and other accomplished members of the Bar during receptions hosted by SEO's partner firms.

Interns also participate in the SEO Corporate Law Institute (CLI), an exclusive two-week lecture series and networking forum led by top corporate lawyers and distinguished law school professors that aims to teach pre-law interns the skills necessary to excel during their first year of law school.

Program Requirements:

Minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0

No specific major required

Designed for graduating seniors and recent graduates who plan to attend law school the following academic year

The Final Round for the Corporate Law program is February 15th

Open to students of color

To learn more about the program or to apply, visit:

<http://www.seo-usa.org/career/page.aspx?pageID=96>

3. PRACTICE AREA FOCUS: CORPORATE LAW

Corporate law deals with the formation and operations of corporations and is related to commercial and contract law. A corporation is a legal entity created through the laws of its state of incorporation, treating a corporation as a legal "person" that has standing to sue and be sued, distinct from its stockholders.

Corporations are taxable entities that are taxed at a lower rate from individuals. Until formally dissolved, a corporation has perpetual life; deaths of officials or stockholders do not alter the corporation's structure.

State laws regulate the creation, organization and dissolution of corporations. Many states follow the Model Business Corporation Act. States also have registration laws requiring corporations that

incorporate in other states to request permission to do in-state business.

(See <http://definitions.uslegal.com/c/corporate-law/>)

4. PRACTITIONER INTERVIEW: PAUL H. KIM, CORPORATE LAWYER

Paul H. Kim graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2001 with a B.A. in History and from Columbia Law School in 2004 with a J.D. Mr. Kim is currently an associate in the Investment Management practice group at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, a corporate law firm in New York City with about 450 attorneys in various practice groups.

Mr. Kim currently represents private equity funds, hedge funds and investment managers in all aspects of their business, but focuses on fund formation and seed investments. From 2001 to 2004, he assisted private equity funds and venture capital funds in numerous mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other business transactions.

Questions

Describe a day in the life of a Mid-Level Corporate Associate:

Every day is different, unpredictable, and fast-paced. I usually arrive at the office around 9:30am. However, I usually wake up around 8am and immediately check my Blackberry for e-mails from clients or supervising attorneys. I am currently assigned to work full-time with 7 different hedge fund managers. Some clients are more active than others. When I arrive at the office, I usually have a list of 3-5 on-going projects (for example, drafting offering memorandum for a new fund) that I want to work on during the day. On some days, I am not able to address those items until 5pm, if at all, because I receive phone calls and e-mails from clients and/or partners with other requests that demand my immediate attention. This means that I often have to stay at the office until 9pm or later. Most law firms in NYC provide a meal allowance of up to \$30 and cab service home for associates that work past 7:30pm.

What initially attracted you to this field? What are some of the rewards of this area of law?

I wanted to work with hedge funds and investment advisors because, as a group, they have become a very important player in today's economy. Recent examples of their growing influence include the acquisition of Chrysler and Carl Icahn's role in the Microsoft-Yahoo takeover attempt. I was first exposed to the world of finance through my older brother, who is a financial analyst, and was further exposed while working on several M&A transactions for a client, which is a "hybrid" of traditional hedge funds with private equity funds. I am fortunate to be working at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, which represents about half of the 100 largest hedge funds in the world.

The most rewarding part of the job is working with brilliant colleagues to find the appropriate balance of business goals of the clients with the fiduciary duties owed to the investors within the context of the applicable regulatory schemes. It is often awe-inspiring to work with and learn from a partner or a senior associate who has a deep understanding of the law and the business acumen to reconcile and satisfy what are often competing interests.

What are some of the downsides of this area of law?

The most difficult part of working in corporate law is the all-consuming nature of the job. Work must often get done, no matter what it takes. This makes it difficult to mentally leave the work at the office, even when one leaves the office for the day or the weekend.

Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing this body of law?

Corporate lawyers need to be familiar with the business concerns of their clients in order to tailor their legal advice, but the bulk of the law school curriculum is devoted to learning the law. If one desires to work as a corporate lawyer advising hedge funds and investment managers, college is the best time to become familiar with business. I recommend reading the Wall Street Journal on a daily basis and investment-related books like *When Genius Failed* and *Hedgehogging*. I also recommend taking introductory classes in economics, financial accounting and corporate finance.

Working at a corporate law firm is also an experience onto itself. Many corporate lawyers enjoy the law, but do not necessarily enjoy the corporate culture. I strongly suggest working as a paralegal at a corporate law firm during or after college. Large law firms often do not hire students currently enrolled in college and working as a paralegal often requires a 1 or 2 year commitment. The only program that I am aware of which allows a college student to work in a NYC law firm for just a summer is, for those who are eligible, the Corporate Law Program through Sponsorship for Education (www.seo-usa.org). In the interest of full disclosure, I was an SEO intern in 2001 (Corporate Law) and 2002 (Judicial Internship) and currently serve as an alumni interviewer and mentor.

Contact Information

If you would like to learn more about corporate law, or have additional questions for Paul H. Kim, you may contact him directly via email at paul.kim@srz.com or by phone at 646.652.9462. Mr. Kim suggests the following popular corporate law-related blogs frequented on a daily basis by many corporate associates: www.thedeal.com - a daily "newspaper" that provides an overview of the M&A market, <http://blogs.wsj.com/law/> and www.abovethelaw.com.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yale Law School Info Session

Location: Maryland 110

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Time: 5:15p – 6:15p

Description: Tracey Parr, Director of Recruitment, will host an information session about Yale Law School.

Harvard Business School Info Session

Location: Sherwood Room, Levering Hall

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2008

Time: 5:00p – 6:00p

Harvard Law School Info Session

Location: Maryland 110

Date: Monday, October 20, 2008

Time: 12:00p – 1:00p

Description: Philip Lee, Assistant Director of Admissions, will host an information session about Harvard Law School.

LSAT Administration for 2008

Location: On campus, REMSEN 001 FOR THE OCTOBER 4 LSAT ONLY, all other administration dates, Hodson 110 - check with LSDAS for additional testing locations

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008 & Saturday, December 6, 2008

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

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

Ana L. Droscoski, J.D., Assistant Director, who advises Pre-Law students:

Walk-ins: Monday/Thursday 10:00a - 11:30a

Appointments: Monday/Thursday 2:00p - 4:00p

Wednesday 10:00a - 11:30a & 2:00p - 3:00p

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

Walk-ins: Wednesday/Friday 10:00a - 12:00p

Kirsten Kirby, M.S.Ed., Assistant Director, who advises Pre-Health students:

Walk-ins: Tuesday 10:00a - 12:00p & Wednesday 1:30p - 3:30p

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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://web.jhu.edu/prepro/> for additional information.