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### **1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.**

To schedule an appointment with me and/or follow up on items in your file with our office, including the status of Law Professions Questionnaires, Dean's Certification Forms and related items, please contact your respective Administrative Coordinator or Administrative Secretary. Note that appointments must be scheduled by phone.

For students whose last name begins with A-G, contact Ms. Lena Harding, Administrative Secretary - Email: lhardin7@jhu.edu / Phone: 410.516.6743

For students whose last name begins with H-O, contact Mrs. Carolyn Mae Krause, Administrative Coordinator - Email: ckrause@jhu.edu / Phone: 410.516.6744

For students whose last name begins with P-Z, contact Mrs. LaTonia Sanders, Administrative Coordinator - Email: ladytee@jhu.edu / Phone: 410.516.4140

I am available for walk-ins on Monday & Thursday 10:00a – 11:30a, and for appointments on Monday & Thursday from 2:00p – 4:00p & Wednesday from 2:00p – 3:00p.

### **2. INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

College / Law School Internship / Volunteer  
Office of the Public Defender Law Clerk and Legal Internships are designed to give participants exposure to the work environment of the OPD, including opportunities to observe and assist in legal proceedings and contribute to the work of the criminal defense teams.

The program integrates law clerks and interns into our offices and allows them to assume some of the same responsibilities as our full-time personnel.

For more information, and to complete a College / Law School Internship / Volunteer Application, visit the following link: <http://www.opd.state.md.us/lawclerklegalinternships.html>

### **3. PRACTICE AREA FOCUS: CRIMINAL (DEFENSE) LAW**

Criminal defense lawyers represent clients accused of crimes. Their public counterparts are the prosecutors and district attorneys who represent the interests of the state in the prosecution of those accused of crimes. Both types of criminal lawyers deal with fundamental issues of the law and personal liberty. They defend many of the basic rights considered crucial to the preservation of a free and just society. (See <http://www.isac.org/AboutLawSchool/Fields-of-Law.asp>)

#### 4. PRACTITIONER INTERVIEW: CARROLL CRUMBAUGH LOVE, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY

Carroll ("Carrie") Crumbaugh Love, Esq. has represented hundreds of adults, juveniles, and corporate entities in the federal, district, circuit and appellate courts of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Prior to forming the Law Firm of Carroll Crumbaugh Love, PLLC in 2007, Ms. Crumbaugh Love gained extensive litigation experience at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Schertler & Onorato, LLP. Ms. Crumbaugh Love joined Schertler & Onorato, LLP in 2002 and held the position of Senior Associate when she left the firm in 2007. Prior to entering law school, Ms. Crumbaugh Love was the Fundraising Director for a United States Congressional campaign in suburban Chicago, IL and the Fundraising Deputy Director for an Illinois gubernatorial campaign.

Ms. Crumbaugh Love has represented clients charged with homicide, assault, threats, narcotics related offenses, weapons crimes, theft, traffic related offenses, including DWI/DUI and motor vehicle administration matters and underage alcohol related offenses. Additionally, Ms. Crumbaugh Love has represented local college students charged with disciplinary violations through all aspects of the student judicial process, from the initial charging phase through contested student hearing boards and administrative hearings. She has represented juveniles through all steps of the juvenile adjudication process, from intake conferences at the Department of Juvenile Services through court adjudicatory and delinquency hearings in the State of Maryland. Finally, Ms. Crumbaugh Love has represented both petitioners and respondents in domestic violence matters, including Ex Parte and Peace Order matters in the State of Maryland and Temporary and Civil Protection Order matters in the District of Columbia.

Ms. Crumbaugh Love received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the American University, Washington College of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa, College of Liberal Arts, with a double major in Journalism and Mass Communications and Political Science. Ms. Crumbaugh Love is a member of the Maryland State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar.

##### Questions

Describe a day in the life of a Criminal Defense Attorney:

Every day is different. That's one of the best parts of my practice. Some days I'm in DC Superior Court or various Maryland District and Circuit Courts, and other days I'm in administrative hearings. I also spend a significant amount of time working on case investigations, developing case strategies, drafting pleadings, meeting with clients and negotiating with prosecutors. Also, as a solo practitioner, I spend a fair amount of time running my business. However, owning my own business allows me to have a flexible schedule, which is a wonderful perk.

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

I really wanted to help people. Especially, young adults (i.e., 18-30ish year olds). In college, I was thinking about pursuing a masters degree in social work. However, my mom (an MSW) talked me out of it and explained to me that I would be doing a lot of "junior" social working as a lawyer. She was right! A significant portion of my time involves not only traditional "lawyering," but also helping people emotionally get through very difficult situations.

What are some of the downsides of this area of law? How would you compare the reality of your profession to the picture you had of it while in school?

It is highly stressful due to the potential consequences my clients face. Additionally, when preparing for trial and during trial, you work practically around the clock. Regarding the second question, I'm not sure what I really thought was involved, but I did not realize how much out-of-court case preparation was involved.

I thought that criminal defense attorneys were in court every second (like characters are on legal TV programs). That just is not true. There is significant out-of-court preparation involved in each and every case: drafting pleadings, investigating cases, conferences with clients reviewing discovery, etc.

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

Take some time off between college and law school. Travel. Try out different jobs. I took two years off. I

believe that if I hadn't taken time off, I doubt I would ever have gone to law school and become an attorney. I believe people need that time to decompress and really have an opportunity to try out other careers to see if law school is really what they want to do. It actually wasn't until about a year out of college that I figured out I wanted to become a lawyer (or at least was talked into it by my mom... thanks mom!) I also think that having more life experience is a great benefit in both law school and entering the legal profession. In addition, while I did not do this, I believe that doing an internship in a legal environment at some point before attending law school is a great idea. Law school is not only a large time and financial investment, but an emotional one also.

#### Contact Information

If you would like to learn more about criminal defense work, or have additional questions for Ms. Love, you may contact her directly via email at [cclove@cclovelaw.com](mailto:cclove@cclovelaw.com). Ms. Crumbaugh Love's firm website is [www.cclovelaw.com](http://www.cclovelaw.com)

### 5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

LSAT Administration for 2008/2009

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

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008 & Saturday, February 7, 2009

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. Droskoski, 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

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