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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

Hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Spring Break!

From 12 noon to 12:50 pm, on Tuesday, March 30th, in the Mason Hall auditorium, we will have admissions representatives from several D.C. area law schools. Don't miss this chance to learn more about Georgetown University Law Center, George Washington University Law School, American University, Washington College of Law, and The University of Maryland School of Law! See Section 5 for more information on this program.

As you may already know, The Office of Pre-Professional Programs & Advising encourages that you take time off before pursuing graduate school, and many of you are considering this. To offer some insight on whether to take time off after college and/or provide some ideas on post-bacc employment options, this edition's interview features Liza Wehrly who graduated from Hopkins two years ago and pursued a post-bacc option that she really enjoyed. See Section 4 to read about her experiences.

2. HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DIFFERENT AREAS OF LAW

Many have asked how to learn more about specific practice areas and options. Cornell University Law School has a fantastic website -- LLI: Legal Information Institute -- that permits you to run searches that provide information on most any practice area of interest. Visit the site to learn more and start researching various legal fields!

Cornell University School of Law's LLI: Legal Information Institute:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

3. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: LEGAL ASSISTANT, WILTSHIRE & GRANNIS LLP

Wiltshire & Grannis LLP is a boutique law firm located in Washington, DC with a national reputation for excellence in communications and information technology regulation, civil and criminal trial litigation, appellate work, and international trade and national security matters.

This summer, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP will be hiring 6 new Legal Assistants.

To learn more, including how to apply for this employment opportunity, visit the following link:

<http://wiltshiregrannis.com/sitecontent.cfm?pageid=26>.

Please note that Diane Shrewsbury (JHU '08), currently holds a Legal Assistant position at Wiltshire & Grannis LLP and would be happy to talk to anyone about the position and/or the firm; you may email her directly at: dshrews2@gmail.com.

4. INTERVIEW: ELIZABETH WEHRLY (JHU '08), ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE, PARTER INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Elizabeth (Liza) Wehrly graduated Phi Beta Kappa with dual Departmental Honors from The Johns Hopkins University in May 2008, earning a B.A. in French and in International Relations. The Fall of her junior year, Liza studied abroad in Tours, France through the (then existing) JHU in Tours program.

During her sophomore year, Liza was a Staff Reporter and Editor of the Focus Page of The Johns Hopkins News-Letter. Additionally, while at Hopkins, Liza held positions as Alumni Relations Chair and Public Relations Chair for her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, the Zeta Chi Chapter.

Outside of Hopkins, Liza held a Summer Internship in 2006 at Mintz-Levin, a law firm in Manhattan, and worked as a Promotions Intern in 2007 for Golf Digest at Conde Nast, also in Manhattan.

Liza Wehrly is currently an Account Executive at Parter International, Inc., a position she has held since graduating in Spring 2008. Liza is still awaiting final admissions decisions, but will attend law school this Fall 2010.

Questions

1) Describe a typical day as an Account Executive at Parter International, Inc.

I was fairly certain that I wanted to pursue a legal education at some point after graduating from Johns Hopkins, but I knew I wanted work experience to inform and support this decision. Having already interned at a corporate law firm and guessing that I would probably end up working for one at least for several years after law school, I set out to find an alternative position that would allow me to interact with the legal profession. Due to my experience as an editor on the Johns Hopkins Newsletter and as Promotions Intern at Condé Nast Publications and my interest in PR, marketing, and journalism, I researched jobs in these fields and keyed in on opportunities that had international business components due to my studies in international relations and French. I worked extensively with the Career Center at Johns Hopkins and also networked through alumni and friends.

2) What types of post-graduation opportunities did you research? How did you go about your search?

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3) What made you choose this particular position and has it met your expectations?

I chose the position at Parter International, Inc. for several reasons:

a) I had visited the firm with the JHU Intersession Globalization Class during my sophomore year at Hopkins. At the time, I was impressed with the firm as it combined many of my interests: law, international business, consulting, communications, etc.

b) Alan S. Parter, the president of Parter International Inc., is both a Hopkins alum and alum of NYU Law. In this regard, I hoped he would prove an excellent mentor for my own career. I was not disappointed.

c) I liked the idea of working at a small company where I would have opportunities to take on more responsibility, get involved with project management, and work alongside a team of C-level executives, attorneys, and former government officials.

d) The nature of consulting and range of projects the firm manages had the potential to provide a useful platform to observe the many ways in which law is related to international business.

4) What do you think you have gained from this position and from taking time off before law school? Given the choice, would you do it again?

I am extremely happy with my decision to take time off before law school. First, it did, as I had hoped, help inform and support my decision to apply to law school. After these two years at Parter International Inc., I am surer of my desire to attend law school and the type of law I would like to practice. Having certain goals will provide motivation for pushing through the many hours of difficult study that lie ahead and demonstrates to the law schools that I am a serious candidate. I definitely think my work experience

makes me a more competitive candidate for admissions. Second, on a personal level, spending two years living on my own in New York after being a student for 17 years, has helped me mature as a young adult in a way I don't think I would have if I had remained in school after graduating from Johns Hopkins. I have learned how to follow a budget (sort of), explore new interests and activities, and relax on the weekend without thinking about homework! Now that I have learned a few things about myself and had some time to relax too, I feel more prepared than ever to take the step back into the classroom. Given the choice again, I would definitely take the time off.

Contact Information

If you would like to learn more about being an Account Executive at Parter International, Inc., or have additional questions for Liza Wehrly, you may contact her directly via email at: ewehrly1@gmail.com.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW MEETINGS AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

DC Area Law School Admissions Panel

Location: Mason Hall Auditorium

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Time: 12:00 noon – 12:50 pm

Description: Admissions representatives from American University, Washington College of Law; Georgetown University Law Center; George Washington University Law School; and The University of Maryland School of Law will discuss their respective law schools and answer questions.

The Insider's Scoop: JHU Alums in Law School

Location: TBD

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Description: JHU alums who are current law students will discuss their law school experiences.

Upcoming LSAT Administration for 2010

Location: On Campus -- Hodson 110 (tentative). Check with LSDAS for definitive and additional testing locations.

Date: Monday, June 7, 2010

Time: Registration begins at 12:30a - consult with LSDAS for all controlling details

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