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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

***Do you meditate -- do you want to? Calm app available free to JHU! Sign up NOW!***

Meet Calm. Discover your stress-free self. Calm includes meditation and breathing exercises, sleep stories, and relaxing nature sounds. There is also content specifically designed for college students. Try the Calm app for free this year: [Unlock your Calm subscription at https://www.calm.com/jhu](https://www.calm.com/jhu).

App is available free to anyone with a JHU-affiliated email address. Check it out!

2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA

Knight, F. Tim. "Applying Artificial Intelligence in the "Legal Aid Space." *Slaw*. Web. 02 Oct. 17. <http://www.slaw.ca/2017/10/02/applying-artificial-intelligence-in-the-legal-aid-space/> -- a post on the promise of technology to help close the justice gap.

Rubino, Kathryn. "Move Over LSAT — As Of Today 6 Law Schools Accept the GRE." *Above the Law*. Web. 03 Oct. 17. <https://abovethelaw.com/2017/10/move-over-lsat-another-law-school-accepts-the-gre/> -- "Following in the steps of (in chronological order) [Arizona Law School](#), [Harvard Law](#), [Northwestern](#), [Georgetown](#), and [Hawaii](#), today, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law [announced](#) they would accept the GRE in lieu of the LSAT for applicants beginning in the Fall 2018 semester."

Ward, Stephanie Francis. "ABA Legal Ed committee suggests changes to rule on law school admissions tests." *ABA Journal*. Web. 11 Oct. 17

[http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/legal\\_ed\\_committee\\_suggests\\_changes\\_to\\_rule\\_on\\_law\\_school\\_admissions\\_tests/](http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/legal_ed_committee_suggests_changes_to_rule_on_law_school_admissions_tests/) -- reports that the ABA's Standards Review Committee has recommended that the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar do away with requirement of taking the LSAT, and instead simply require a valid test, or, alternatively, that the Council do away entirely with a testing requirement.

3. OPPORTUNITY: COLLEGE LEGAL INTERN PROGRAM (SPRING 2018), DC VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT (DCVLP)

**Description**

The DC Volunteers Lawyers Project (DCVLP) is searching for current college students and recent college graduates to join their dedicated staff of lawyers and administrators for a part-time internship in Washington, DC. You'll have the opportunity to work directly with lawyers and contribute to helping domestic violence victims and at-risk children with their legal needs.

DCVLP provides the training which may include an overview of services for domestic violence victims and at-risk children, a tour of DC Superior Court, a primer on court procedures and the basics on domestic violence and child advocacy legal issues.

#### **INTERNSHIP DUTIES:**

- Attending court hearings at the DC Superior Court, and providing legal and administrative support to the supervising and volunteer attorneys
- Assisting in the case administration of Child Advocacy (*Guardian ad Litem*) and Domestic Violence cases, including court document management
- Assisting with annual benefit, Voices Against Violence, held in the spring
- Supporting the operation of weekly walk-in domestic violence resource clinic
- Any additional projects as assigned

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Minimum commitment of 10 hours per week (at least two mornings in court)
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Availability to travel to and from DCVLP's office and the DC Superior Court (both are on the metro line)
- Keen attention to detail and strong organizational, computer, and writing skills
- Positive attitude and ability to deal with sensitive issues

Spanish-speakers and those with an interest in law school are strongly encouraged to apply

#### **Benefits**

- No experience necessary
- Help domestic violence victims and at-risk children
- Assist lawyers in court

**TO APPLY:** If you are interested, please email your cover letter and resume to Jaclyn Lahr at [jlahr@dcvlp.org](mailto:jlahr@dcvlp.org). Internships are unpaid; however, DCVLP may be able to assist you in obtaining academic credit if provided with the required documents.

**Application Deadline: November 13, 2017**

Find the complete listing here: <http://www.dcvlp.org/who-we-are/careers/interns/>

#### **4. INTERVIEW: LESLIE (SCHOECK) CUMBER (JHU '08), HEALTH CARE ATTORNEY, GORDON FEINBLATT LLC**

Leslie (Schoeck) Cumber grew up in western Maryland. At Hopkins, she majored in German and Romance Languages, with a minor in Entrepreneurship and Management. She was a recipient of the Hodson Trust Scholarship award. Outside of academics, Leslie was the Phi Mu president and the Milton S. Eisenhower Symposium finance chair. She graduated in 2008.

After graduation, Leslie joined Teach For America in the Metro D.C. Region, where she taught first grade for two years. She then went to law school in London at King's College London, and received her Master of Laws (LL.M.) from UCLA School of Law. Leslie was a law clerk during her time at UCLA, and after moving back to Maryland, she was an intern for Judge McDonald on the Maryland Court of Appeals. In 2015, Leslie joined Gordon Feinblatt LLC as an associate in the firm's health care practice.

#### **Questions:**

**Describe a day in the life of a Health Care Attorney.**

No two days are the same. I usually start my day by prioritizing what I have on my desk. I will inevitably receive calls and/or emails that cause me to shift my focus throughout the day to accommodate urgent requests, but I always like to start the day with a general idea of what needs to get done and when.

In terms of the types of assignments I work on, they run the gamut. I review and draft professional services agreements. I give advice regarding business organization and regulatory compliance. I have been involved in several acquisitions and certificate of need applications. And, as a result of the increase in Medicare and Medicaid audit activity, I have been providing quite a bit of guidance lately for physicians and physician groups under review.

### **What initially attracted you to this field? What are some of the rewards of this area of law and the legal profession?**

I had no idea I'd end up in health care, but I'm so glad I did. It is a complex area of the law, and also an area that is constantly evolving, so it keeps me on my toes.

Furthermore, our clients come to us with ideas, questions, problems, etc. and we help them get to where they want to be. We are essentially problem-solvers. When I was in law school I set up as many informational interviews as possible to learn what people liked and disliked about their chosen field. The one recurring theme that I heard over and over again was that transactional attorneys tend to have very positive interactions with clients. I think this stems from the fact that as problem-solvers, we are adding value to our clients' businesses.

### **How would you compare the reality of your profession to the picture you had of it before entering and while in law school?**

I have quite a few lawyers in my family, and had quite a few friends ahead of me who were lawyers, so I felt like the picture I had during law school was fairly accurate.

Talk to as many lawyers as you can before and after making the decision to go to law school. Ask relatives, friends, friends of friends, etc. for a few minutes of their time to learn about what they do. Once you start interviewing at firms, take in the culture. You'd be surprised what you can learn if you look around. There are firms that actually have open door, collegial cultures. You'll quickly learn which firms are which, and where you feel comfortable.

### **Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing this body of law and the legal profession?**

If you're thinking about health care law, you should explore relevant course work in law school. The learning curve is steep, so do your best to get ahead.

With that said, take every opportunity you can to explore all areas to see what you find the most exciting. Law is a grueling profession, so make sure you end up practicing in an area that you love.

### **Contact Information:**

Leslie is happy to speak to students; you can reach her by phone at 410.576.4248.

## **5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fourth Annual Baltimore Regional Law Fair**

***Hosted by the University of Baltimore School of Law***

**Location: John and Frances Angelos Law Center, 1401 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201**

**Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm**

**Description: An anticipated 70+ law schools from across the country -- from California to Massachusetts -- will be represented at the Baltimore Regional Law Fair. No R.S.V.P. required -- walk-ins welcome. For more information, including a list of participating law schools, visit**

[http://law.ubalt.edu/admissions/regional\\_law\\_fair/](http://law.ubalt.edu/admissions/regional_law_fair/)

**Columbia Law School Information Session**

**Location:** Hodson 210

**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2017

**Time:** 12:00-1:00pm

**Description:** An admissions representative from Columbia Law School will present an information session and answer questions.

**Registration required:** <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/vkb5m10/10>

**Georgetown University Law Center Group Interviews**

*2018 Cycle/current applicants ONLY*

**Location:** Sherwood Room, Levering Hall

**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2017

**Time:** 2:00-3:00pm & 3:00-4:00pm

**Description:** Only for those applying for Fall 2018 J.D. admission, Andy Cornblatt, Dean of Admissions, will host 2 group interviews. **ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED through:**

<https://goo.gl/2z3YHW>.

**Georgetown University Law Center Information Session**

**Location:** Sherwood Room, Levering Hall

**Date:** Monday, October 30, 2017

**Time:** 4:00-4:30pm

**Description:** Andy Cornblatt, Dean of Admissions, will host an information session for all interested Johns Hopkins Students.

**Registration required:** <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/vkb5m10/10>

**STEM Majors: Considering a Career in the Law?**

*UC Berkeley Law School Information Session for STEM majors*

**Location:** Student Financial Services, Room 143, Garland Lobby

**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2017

**Time:** 12:00-1:00pm

**Description:** STEM Majors -- Considering a Career in the Law? Your science background can lead to a career at the intersection of law and technology. Intellectual property (who owns innovation), privacy, the accountability of algorithms, the control of online speech, the financing of clean tech -- these are among the many issues that lawyers will be deciding in coming years. Jim Dempsey, Executive Director of the UC Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, will discuss the curriculum, activities, and opportunities available at UC Berkeley Law and answer questions about pursuing a career as a lawyer with a STEM background.

**Registration required:** <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/vkb5m10/10>

**Upcoming LSAT Administration**

**Location:** Visit <http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/testing-locations> for testing location information.

**Date:** December 2, 2017 / February 10, 2018

**Time:** Report at no later than 8:30 am for the December exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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