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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

The 2016-17 Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Action Report is now online:
https://studentaffairs.jhu.edu/preprofadvising/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2016/04/2016.2017.PLA_Action.Report.LAW_SCHOOL.SUMMARY.pdf

The Action Report provides law school applicant data for Hopkins’ alumni who released their information to LSAC for disclosure. The 2016-2017 report is the most recent of record.

2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA

Lat, David. **“Order In The Court, Order In The Court: The Law Clerk Hiring Plan Returns! What's the latest proposal on the table, and will it actually work?”** *Above the Law Blog*. Web. 1 Mar. 18. <https://abovethelaw.com/2018/03/order-in-the-court-the-law-clerk-hiring-plan-returns/> -- an ad hoc group of federal appeals judges created a new hiring plan for law clerks. Plan details can be found here:
<https://oscar.uscourts.gov/federal-law-clerk-hiring-pilot>.

Caron, Paul. **"Updated LSAC Data On The Quantity And Quality Of Law School Applicants."** *TaxProf Blog*. Web. 26 Feb. 18. http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2018/02/updated-lsac-data-on-the-quantity-and-quality-of-law-school-applicants.html -- highlights updated data from LSAC on the quantity and quality of law school applicants.

Roberts, Tyler. **“Who Discounts Tuition The Most?”** *The National Jurist*. Vol. 27, p. 13, Winter 2018. https://bluetoad.com/display_article.php?id=2977782&view=462306 -- attempts to determine the average tuition discount per law school, and identifies the 20 private law schools with the highest tuition discounts.

3. OPPORTUNITY: SUMMER INTERN, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH

The Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Branch (CPB) is responsible for the enforcement of most of the Federal statutes that protect consumers from deceptive, unfair, or fraudulent practices. Many of these laws provide for both civil and criminal penalties. CPB also defends the Government in suits that challenge the policies of consumer protection agencies. A few unpaid internships for undergraduate students are available.

The responsibilities of an intern include a wide range of duties in support of the Branch's attorneys and paralegals. Some intern projects include conducting factual research for the Branch's cases, reviewing documents to identify evidence of fraudulent activity or victims of fraud, and summarizing transcripts and other court records.

In addition, the Branch's attorneys give weekly brown bag lunch presentations to the interns about particular cases or investigations. When the Supreme Court is in session, reserved seating may be obtained for each intern to observe the Justices hear cases or deliver opinions (seating based on availability). Interns are also encouraged to attend scheduled seminars, tours, and lectures that provide them with a broad overview of the legal system.

Interns are exposed to a variety of office procedures, case investigative techniques, and agency interrelationships. As such, interns who work at CPB can expect to have an experience that is both productive and educational.

Candidates work full time in the summer. CPB has no objection to candidates seeking school credit for this internship. CPB seeks students who have demonstrated academic success (GPA of 3.3 or higher). CPB will consider students with lower GPAs, especially if they show a strong stated interest in the office mission.

LENGTH OF INTERNSHIP: June 5-August 3, 2018

REQUIREMENTS: Criminal Background Check
U.S. Citizenship Required

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **March 16, 2018 (subject to change)**

TO APPLY: Please send a pdf version of your cover letter, resume, and unofficial transcript to Intern Coordinator Lisa Mitzelfeld at Lisa.Mitzelfeld@usdoj.gov.

Your cover letter should articulate why you are interested specifically in the work that the CPB office does, and how an internship in the office would further your personal or professional goals.

WEBSITE: <http://www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch>

4. THE GRE v. THE LSAT IN THE LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

As you may have heard, several law schools are accepting the GRE or the LSAT for the first time this 2017/2018 application cycle. Many of you have asked which test you should take. Because this is the first cycle that the GRE is in play, there is no median data or similar metrics for those applying -- and accepted -- to law school with the GRE at this time.

Additionally, law schools are years away from correlating GRE scores to law school performance, whereas the LSAT has been linked to 1L performance. For this cycle and the next, it still seems to make the most sense to take the LSAT if your plan is to apply to law school. Having an LSAT score will allow you to apply to the most schools.

Seventeen law schools currently take the GRE or LSAT, with two more law schools accepting the GRE in specific circumstances. A complete list of those schools, as well as a long list of links to articles discussing the GRE v. LSAT in the law school application process, can be found on The TaxProf Blog at the following link: http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2018/02/two-more-law-schools-to-accept-applicants-based-on-the-gre-rather-than-the-lsat.html

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming LSAT Administration

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

Date: June 11, 2018 / July 23, 2018 / September 8, 2018

Time: Report at no later than 12:30 pm for the June exam -- consult with LSAC for all controlling details.

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