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1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

NYU Law’s Office of JD Admissions will be hosting Online Information Sessions. During these live information sessions with an admissions representative, participants will have an opportunity to submit questions about NYU Law’s curriculum, student life, and the admissions process via an online chat tool.

The Online Information Sessions will be held at the following times (all times are Eastern Time):

· Thursday, November 15 at 12:00 pm
· Wednesday, December 5 at 3:00 pm
· Thursday, January 10 at 12:00 pm

Please register for one of the Online Information Sessions. Questions? Email law.moreinfo@nyu.edu.

On campus, Georgetown Law will host a group interview for Fall 2019 entry applicants only on Friday, November 9, from 1-2 pm. See section 5 below for details and to register.
2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA


Monahan, John and Swanson, Jeffrey W. "Lawyers at the Peak of Their Careers: A 30-Year Longitudinal Study of Job and Life Satisfaction." Virginia Public Law and Legal Theory Research Paper No. 2018-57. Web. 10 Oct. 18. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3258632 — "A decade ago, we conducted a 20-year longitudinal study of career and life satisfaction among the class matriculating at the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987. Here, we extend our repeated measures follow-up from 20 to 30 year.* "Both career satisfaction and life satisfaction again were found to be high, with 77 percent of respondents satisfied with their decision to become a lawyer, and 91 percent satisfied with their lives more broadly."


3. OPPORTUNITY: SEO LAW FELLOWSHIP

The SEO Law Fellowship is an academic and professional development program targeting high-achieving and ambitious Black, Hispanic, and Native American incoming law students. Fellows receive intensive academic preparation for law school through the SEO Law Institute and intern at an elite corporate law firm, immediately before starting their first year of law school.

The program also offers three scholarships per year to help underrepresented students attend the law school of their choice.

The SEO Law Fellowship Program is a 10-week summer program beginning with the two-week Law Institute, a training program designed to prepare Fellows for law school. During the Law Institute, Fellows will learn:

• Legal Writing Skills
• Effective Law School Study and Outlining Strategies
After the Law Institute, Fellows complete an eight-week internship at one of the nation's top law firms before heading to law school.

Fellows: gain exposure to corporate law; develop a strong professional network; and learn effective law school study techniques and hone their legal writing skills to be well-positioned to excel academically in law school and compete for jobs at top law firms.

Once in law school, Fellows receive: 1L academic support through a trained law school coach; access to SEO Law student and alumni mixers; and upon request, one-on-one academic and career mentoring conducted by SEO Law staff.

2018-2019 Application Timeline

Applications: October 15, 2018 – March 4, 2019
Interviews: February – April 2019
Proof of Law School Enrollment: Must be received by April 26, 2019
Admission Decisions: Decisions will be made by May 1, 2019
Program Dates: May 19, 2019 – July 26, 2019

For more information: http://law.seo-usa.org/
To apply: http://law.seo-usa.org/our-program/apply/

4. INTERVIEW: MICHAEL MILANO '12, PRIVATE FUNDS ATTORNEY

Michael Milano grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended Allentown Central Catholic High School. He came to Hopkins in 2008 thinking he would be either an International Studies or Political Science major, and ultimately graduated in 2012 as a Political Science Major. Senior year, Michael was captain of the football team and was named to the All-Centennial Conference First Team Defense three times.

Michael went directly from undergrad to law school, and graduated in 2015 from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. He now works as a Private Funds Attorney at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett LLP.

Describe a day in the life of a Private Funds Attorney.

I start early – I like to get into the office by 8 so that I have some time before the day gets underway to catch up on any emails or work from the night before and to have a little bit of down time before things pick up for the day. There’s no set pattern to my days, but typically I spend the majority of my time in meetings with various fund teams (at any given time I’m working for about 5-6 major private equity firms, each with multiple funds), drafting offering documents and partnership agreements, on calls with clients and answering emails. About
once a week I go to firm-sponsored lunches with my mentor or mentee, summer interns or new hires, and once or twice a month I attend Continuing Legal Education programs with my team, usually over breakfast.

What initially attracted you to this field? Do you have any advice for an undergraduate interested in pursuing this body of law?

Going into law school I was fairly certain I wanted to go into corporate law, but I wasn’t sure of exactly what field within corporate law would be the right fit for me. I had the opportunity to rotate through three different practice groups during my first 18 months at my firm, which was nice because it helped me get a feel for the work and environment in each group, which I didn’t really have a good sense of going in. I did my first rotation in Capital Markets, my second in Private Funds and my final rotation in M&A. I enjoyed all three of my rotations, but I ultimately settled on Private Funds because I enjoyed the clients and the substance of the work.

What are some of the rewards and downsides of this area of law and the legal profession so far?

I find my work interesting and intellectually stimulating but anyone pursuing a career in corporate law should understand that it is fairly demanding.

What types of undergraduate opportunities did you pursue that led to your decision to apply to law school? Were there any experiences that you felt were particularly helpful in strengthening your application to law school?

I had the opportunity to intern for a judge in my hometown the summer after junior year at Hopkins. While corporate lawyers don’t spend much time in the courtroom, it was a valuable learning experience and helped me to solidify my decision to go to law school after graduating from JHU.

What did you pursue during your interim year(s)/before beginning law school, while in law school and during your law school summer(s)? How did you go about researching these opportunities?

I went directly from undergrad to law school, but to undergrads thinking of going to law school my suggestion would be to spend a year or two as a paralegal first. I think it can only be a benefit in your law school applications and it gives you a chance to confirm that being a lawyer is really what you want to do – law school is a big commitment of both time and money. I spent my first law school summer working for the Judge I interned with during undergrad (working for a judge is pretty common after 1L, even for people who hope to go into corporate law). After my second year of law school, I interned in the legal and compliance department at KKR, where I gained my first real experience with corporate law and fund work. I found the KKR internship opportunity via GW’s job portal, but I also looked on LinkedIn and attended networking events while I was searching for an internship.

What advice do you have for an undergraduate interested in pursuing law school and a career in law given your experience in today’s legal market and now as an attorney?
As I mentioned, I think spending a year or two as a paralegal is a great idea for anyone interested in going into corporate law. Law school is a huge commitment and I think it’s really important that you only pursue it if you are sure you want to become a lawyer. You should not even think about applying to law school if you’re doing it because you don’t know what else to do after you graduate. I’ve found it to be an interesting and fulfilling career but you need to make sure it is right for you.

Contact Information:

Michael is happy to answer questions and is reachable by email at: milano.a.michael@gmail.com. He recommends the following links: https://pitchbook.com/news & https://www.pehub.com.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER GROUP INTERVIEW -- 2019 CYCLE/CURRENT APPLICANTS ONLY

WHEN FRIDAY, NOV. 9TH, 1-2PM

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MORE INFORMATION
A group interview only for those applying for Fall 2019 J.D. admission. Andy Cornblatt, Dean of Admissions, will host.

ADVANCED SIGN UP REQUIRED through: https://georgetown.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a3Lnjxh16MnxMax

Contact Paige Callahan at lawinterview@georgetown.edu with questions.

UPCOMING LSAT ADMINISTRATIONS

Dates: November 17, 2018 / January 26, 2019 / March 30, 2019
Testing Locations: [http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/testing-locations](http://www.lsac.org/jd/lsat/testing-locations)

Register: [https://www.lsac.org/lsat/taking-lsat/registering-lsat](https://www.lsac.org/lsat/taking-lsat/registering-lsat)

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