1. **Message from Ana L. Drocoski, Esq.**

If you are curious about what law school is actually like, why not sit in on a class? The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law – located just down the road from Hopkins – is hosting several prospective student events, including a roster of different classes pre-law students/alumni can sample. There are several options, including first year classes such as *Contracts*, *Torts*, and *Intro to Civil Procedure*, as well as 2L & 3L courses like *Health Care Law & Policy*, *Environmental Law*, and *Law & Policy of Cybersecurity*. See section 5 below for more information and to register.

*Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!*

2. **LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA**

Harvard University's admissions policies was whether the university could maintain a diverse student body without considering race in admissions.


3. OPPORTUNITY: ENTRY-LEVEL PARALEGAL, BREDHOFF & KAISER, PLLC (WASHINGTON, DC)

For those looking for a gap year(s) opportunity, consider the following position, particularly if you've an interest in labor and employment law:

Bredhoff & Kaiser, PLLC (B&K) is an established, thirty-lawyer firm in Washington, DC with a national practice representing both international and local labor unions and related organizations (such as pension and health and welfare funds), non-profits, and individuals. Our lawyers practice regularly before federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels, as well as administrative and other tribunals. We also engage in collective bargaining for our union clients, and often we are requested to assist in internal strategic matters. B&K is proud to represent the interests of working people and their organizations. Our aim is to provide our clients with first-rate advice and representation to assist them in achieving their goals. Our paralegals make vital contributions to this effort.

Job Description

For this entry-level paralegal position, the primary responsibility will be to become a critical and active member of a small team of lawyers and union officials working for a national labor union and assisting in every aspect of the legal, factual, and strategic development for a complete round of collective bargaining (to start in early 2019), for several national arbitrations, and for a union convention scheduled for August 2020.

This position, which has been filled by various college graduates over the past thirty years (many of whom have gone on to become lawyers), presents a unique opportunity to see a national labor organization from the inside, as the union engages in collective bargaining,
grievance handling, congressional lobbying, and convention planning over the next 20-22 months.

**Qualifications and Benefits**

No special skills or knowledge are necessary, but an applicant needs to have outstanding writing and analytical skills and academic records. The applicant must also have an intellectual curiosity, perhaps interested in attending law school one day, be someone who is extremely organized and focused, and can perform social science and political research. Knowledge about the value of unions and the labor movement is a plus, as is competence in typical office computer programs. Compensation and benefits will align with (or exceed) comparable positions in the DC area. Flexibility to work overtime and travel occasionally is required.

B&K is committed to diversity, and encourages applications from persons of color, persons identifying as LBGTQ, and persons with disabilities.

All of the usual benefits provided, including employer paid health insurance, through a collectively bargained agreement.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Candidates must submit a cover letter, resume, college transcript, one or more writing samples, and at least two references. Use of the U.S. mail is preferred, but email also is acceptable.

**Mailing address:**
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805 15th Street, NW
Suite 1000
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**Email:**
blerner@bredhoff.com

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** November 15, 2018

For the complete listing (and to search for additional opportunities on *idealist*), visit: https://www.idealist.org/en/social-enterprise-job/5e7f1b1d216e4ee2ba18431fa828ff07-entry-level-paralegal-bredhoff-kaiser-pllc-washington

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**4. INTERVIEW: MARGARET (MAGGIE) LEDERER ’17, LITIGATION PROJECT ASSISTANT, PROSKAUER ROSE**
Margaret (Maggie) Lederer is originally from New York City. For high school, Maggie left New York and went to Hotchkiss, a boarding school in Connecticut. She arrived at Hopkins undecided for her major. After exploring a few options and deciding chemistry lab took up too large of a block of time, she settled on psychology as a major. In addition, Maggie graduated with two minors: one in Spanish for the professions and another in entrepreneurship and management, with a concentration in business law.

While at Hopkins, Maggie was a tutor both at the Writing Center and as a volunteer tutor with the Tutorial Project. Maggie also spent her junior fall abroad, studying at a local university in Seville, Spain.

Maggie graduated from Johns Hopkins in December 2016, a semester early. She spent her would-be senior spring as an intern at the Maryland Public Defender's Office, working in the mental health division. After leaving Baltimore that spring, Maggie went on to work as a litigation project assistant at Proskauer Rose, a law firm in New York.

Describe a day in the life of a Litigation Project Assistant.

My days are pretty unpredictable, which is both a positive and a negative. I never know exactly what to expect when I get to my desk. Sure, there are probably a few lingering tasks or long term projects I’m working on, but my day to day is constantly in flux. In litigation especially, circumstances change at the drop of a hat, so being flexible is key. While this can be frustrating in terms of planning my day, it definitely keeps it interesting.

On any given day, I can be reviewing a brief, preparing materials for court, working on a research project, or, most likely, organizing documents (the importance of chronological order cannot be overstated). A large part of my day is spent making sure our case files are organized and up to date – Proskauer handles some pretty large scale cases, so it's my job to make sure we have everything organized in a way that makes sense and is easily accessible.

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

I knew I wanted to take time off before entering any type of graduate school. I had already interned for a government agency, a public defender, and an in-house counsel, so I thought getting the chance to see life at a law firm would round out my experience and help me make an informed decision about whether I wanted to go to law school. I had a really positive experience when I came to interview at Proskauer. I had the chance to speak to some of the current project assistants – they seemed excited about the work they were doing and the environment they were in. Their enthusiasm sold me.

My experience has both exceeded my expectations while at the same time it has been so different than anything I imagined (watching several seasons of Suits before I started didn't help). Coming from college, it's hard to picture what having a full time, longer-than-three-months job is like, and then on top of that, working at a law firm is an intense and singular experience.
I think being a paralegal often gets a bad rap, and people picture angry lawyers, mundane work, and endless stacks of paper. That has not been my experience. I am lucky to work with attorneys who are not only incredibly smart and considerate, but who take the time to discuss and debate with me our often very complex cases. And while I will not say paralegal work in and of itself is glamorous, I have been able to shadow hearings, depositions, client presentations and more. And very rarely have I been surrounded by stacks of paper — that's all digital now anyways.

Did you pursue anything else during your interim years before beginning law school? How did you go about researching each of these opportunities?

I had an extra semester after I graduated (in December 2016) before I planned to leave Baltimore (in June 2017). During this time, I was an intern at the Public Defender's Office where I worked in the Mental Health Division. While there, I spent my days on psychiatric wards assisting investigators with client interviews in preparation for civil commitment hearings. In short, it could not have been more different than my current environment. But it was fascinating to me and a good way to combine my psychology degree with my interest in law.

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

I would definitely take time off again. I wasn't sure law school was for me, and I had been in school since I was four years old. Being a paralegal allowed me learn more about a field I was interested in, while taking a break from academia. Not only have I gained technical knowledge and work experience, but I've gotten to work with some brilliant attorneys and see how they strategize, how they think. I can only hope this will serve me well in law school and beyond.

What types of undergraduate opportunities did you pursue that led to your decision to apply to law school?

As an undergraduate, my favorite classes were my law psychology courses with Dr. Raifman. I knew I was interested in the intersection of law and psychology, but not sure which one I wanted to pursue primarily. Dr. Raifman's classes, particularly his seminar class, allowed me to explore these interests and view psychology in a legal framework. I also enjoyed the business law classes I took through the entrepreneurship and management program.

Contact Information:

Maggie is happy to answer questions and is reachable by email at: mlederer17@gmail.com.
NYU LAW’S OFFICE OF JD ADMISSIONS ONLINE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Live information sessions with an admissions representative where participants can submit questions about NYU Law’s curriculum, student life, and the admissions process via an online chat tool.

- 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.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW PROSPECTIVE STUDENT EVENTS

SIT IN ON A LAW SCHOOL CLASS! SCHEDULE:

Monday AM
**Criminal Law**

Monday PM
**Business Associations**

Monday PM
**Environmental Law**

Monday PM
**Evidence**

Tuesday AM
**Intro to Civil Procedure**

Tuesday PM
**Contracts**

Tuesday PM
**Criminal Law**
Wednesday AM
**Torts**

Wednesday PM
**Contracts**

Thursday AM
**Law & Policy of Cybersecurity**

Thursday PM
**Health Care Law & Policy**

Thursday PM
**Criminal Law**

Friday AM
**Contracts**

**UPCOMING ON-CAMPUS EVENTS**

- **Information Session** - Nov. 30 & Dec. 14, 1:00 pm - [Registration Link](#)
- **Law Preview Night** - Nov. 14, 5:00 pm - [Registration Link](#)

**UPCOMING J.D. ADMISSIONS 101 WEBINARS**

- Wed., Nov. 14, 12:00 pm - [Registration Link](#)
- Wed., Nov. 28, 7:00 pm - [Registration Link](#)
- Tue., Dec. 11, 12:00 pm - [Registration Link](#)

**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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