1. MESSAGE FROM ANA L. DROSCOSKI, ESQ.

I hope the 2019-2020 academic year started well for everyone!

This Fall, we have several law schools that will host information sessions on campus. Additionally, UB Law (adjacent to Baltimore Penn Station in Mt. Vernon), will be hosting a law school fair. Consider attending one or more events, to learn more about the admissions process generally, as well as specific law schools. See section 5 for more details.

Harvard Law School (HLS) has several upcoming online information sessions, offered each week over the coming months. Each presentation will be facilitated by a member of the J.D. Admissions team. Many sessions also feature current HLS students and community members. Topics range from the admissions process and campus life to student organizations and clinical opportunities, with time allocated for Q&A with virtual attendees. For those of you interested in HLS’s junior deferral program, they will host 2 info sessions in early 2020. For a complete list of these programs, and to register, visit: https://hls.harvard.edu/dept/jdadmissions/connect-with-admissions-online-events/

2. LEGAL EDUCATION & THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IN THE MEDIA


Caron, Paul. "46 Law Schools Accept The GRE For Admissions, And 5 Accept The GMAT." TaxProf Blog. Web. 12 Sept.19. https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/legal-ed-news/ -- TaxProf Blog provides this update on and a complete list of the law schools that now accept the GRE in lieu of the LSAT, with Yale as one of the latest law schools to accept the GRE.

3. OPPORTUNITY: MINTZ PROJECT ANALYST PROGRAM

For those of you graduating this year, consider the following law-related gap year opportunity:

The Mintz Project Analyst Program

Mintz's Project Analyst Program is an unparalleled opportunity for recent college graduates to gain experience within the legal and business environments of one of the country's top law firms. There are currently 14 Project Analysts staffed in Mintz's Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C. offices. One of the unique aspects of the Program is the opportunity for Project Analysts to experience various practice areas within the Firm.

The Boston Program allows Project Analysts to rotate every eight months into various sections, including: Business and Corporate Finance; Employment, Labor and Benefits; Healthcare; Immigration; Litigation; Intellectual Property; and Pro Bono; as well as Mintz's consulting affiliate, ML Strategies. Project Analysts in the New York office have primarily worked in the areas of Business and Corporate Finance and Litigation. In Washington, D.C., Project Analysts have worked extensively in the Federal practice area and ML Strategies, and have been exposed to work in the practice areas of Antitrust, Healthcare, and Litigation.

Responsibilities as a Project Analyst can range from financial analysis and trial preparation to client interviews and the organization of legal presentations. Project Analysts also coordinate and staff many of the firm's pro bono and community service activities.

Additional program information can be found, along with the application link, at:

https://www.mintz.com/careers/professional-staff/project-analyst-program.
DEADLINE: September 29, 2019

4. INTERVIEW: JAMES COE ’96, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEY

Originally from New York, James Coe enrolled at Johns Hopkins as a Psychology major in 1992. During his four years at Hopkins, he also considered majoring in Chemical Engineering and Applied Mathematics, taking significant coursework in both of those departments. While at Hopkins, he took advantage of some of the University’s internship programs, including volunteering at the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital working with the juvenile resident treatment programs. James spent the first semester of his Junior year abroad at St. Catherine’s College of Oxford University, where he took coursework in Developmental Psychology and Probability. James graduated in 1996 with a double major in both Psychology and Applied Mathematics.

After graduating from Hopkins, James enrolled at Boston University School of Law (BU Law). While at law school, James participated in the moot court programs and served as the student director of the Client Counseling and Negotiations Competitions. During his last year, James also participated in BU Law’s Criminal Clinic, where he represented criminal defendants in the Boston Municipal Court. James graduated from BU Law in 1999.

James worked for several intellectual property boutique firms, where he initially focused on patent and trademark litigation. While working as an attorney, James completed a master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University and transitioned his legal practice into patent prosecution. He spent another four years working for clients on patent portfolios in technologies involving computer and communications networks, semiconductor devices, and various mechanical devices.

In 2007, James was hired as an in-house IP attorney by American Power Conversion, which had been recently acquired by the French multinational corporation, Schneider Electric. He served in several IP positions of increasing responsibility, including as Chief Patent Counsel for the Americas region. James managed a staff of patent professionals and assistants in overseeing the patent portfolio development for multiple business units in a variety of technologies. He worked closely with research and product development teams to identify and evaluate inventions for potential patenting and managed patent prosecution.

After 9 years, James returned to private practice where he began working with mid-sized and emerging companies. After about 6 months, he joined one of those companies, Desktop Metal, as its first General Counsel where he was responsible for both the legal and intellectual property functions. James worked with senior management to implement an aggressive patent portfolio development strategy and oversaw multiple rounds of venture capital financing.

James has recently returned to private practice to once again focus on advising clients on intellectual property strategy and in developing their IP portfolios.
Describe a day in the life of an Intellectual Property Attorney.

As an Intellectual Property attorney at a law firm, I work with a number of different clients on protecting the intangible assets of their businesses. More specifically, this might include preparing patent applications on technical inventions or ornamental designs or filing trademark applications to protect product names. For other clients, I may be involved in studying a competitor's patent portfolio to determine the risk of developing a similar product. What I do on a given day depends on the needs of my clients, but I'm generally spending time reading through and analyzing a number of patents or technical documents. Working for multiple clients in different industries, I enjoy constantly being exposed to a variety of cutting edge technologies and working with the companies to develop strategies to protect them.

What initially attracted you to this field?

After college, I had initially considered pursuing a career in social work and entered law school with that in mind. I spent a summer working for a criminal defense lawyer and had seriously thought about working as either a defense lawyer or prosecutor. Growing up, I didn't have much exposure to the legal field. From my limited experience, I was drawn to the idea that trial lawyers were essentially storytellers, and criminal law, in particular, involves compelling stories. But while I was interested in criminal law, I also found myself drawn to intellectual property law because it was a blend of law and technology. And like criminal law, patent law can involve compelling stories.

After law school, I worked at a few IP Boutiques (law firms that focused solely on intellectual property law). My initial focus was on patent and trademark litigation, but I found myself drawn to the work my colleagues involved in patent prosecution (i.e., obtaining patents on inventions). Upon some advice from a law firm partner, I obtained a masters degree in Electrical Engineering, to help strengthen my technical background as began working on patent prosecution.

A few years later, I had the opportunity to move in-house at a large multinational company. Working within a company, my objectives were similar – protecting the intellectual property assets of our company. However, as an in-house lawyer focusing on a single company, you get to know the business and technology much better and have the opportunity to become more involved in strategic decision making. What you give up in the breadth of exposure, you make up with the depth.

Over the last few years, I have moved back and forth between in-house positions and private practice. Each role has provided me with different challenges, and opportunities to learn new things.

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

As I've mentioned, with patent work, in particular, there's always an opportunity to learn about new technologies. In addition, intellectual property strategy can be a critical component to technology companies, being able to make an impact in that regard is also rewarding.
I've really enjoyed intellectual property law, so it's hard to find a downside to it. Like a lot of other professions, the legal profession can involve a lot of work, which if you don't enjoy it, can be a serious downside.

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

To become a registered practitioner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (patent prosecution work), you need to have a science or engineering degree. For patent work in the biotech space, in particular, having an advanced degree is also very desirable. For just about any field in the legal profession, it is important to develop good writing and communication skills.

Contact Information

James is happy to answer questions and is reachable by email at: fjamescoe@gmail.com.

5. UPCOMING PRE-LAW STUDENT MEETINGS & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Columbia Law School Information Session

When
Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, 5-6pm

Where
Ames 234

More information

Kory Hawkins, Associate Director of Admissions, will present an information session and answer questions.
Fordham University School of Law Session

When
Friday, Oct. 4th, 2-3pm

Where
TBD

More information

Kathryn Espiritu, Director of Admissions, will present an information session and answer questions.

University of Baltimore School of Law: 4th Annual Baltimore Regional Law Fair

When
Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 6-7:30pm

Where
1401 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD

More information

Anticipated attendance by representatives from 50+ law schools will be available to provide information about their programs and admissions policies. The fair is open to all prospective law students, regardless of year or undergraduate institution. Registration is not required, and the event is free!

For more information, visit:
http://law.ubalt.edu/admissions/regional_law_fair/index.cfm
Upcoming LSAT Administrations

**Dates:** September 21, 2019 / October 28, 2019 / November 25, 2019

**Testing Locations:** [https://tcs.lsac.org/SearchCenter.aspx](https://tcs.lsac.org/SearchCenter.aspx)

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

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University of Pennsylvania Law School Information Session

**When**
Thursday, Oct. 17th, 12-1pm

**Where**
TBD

**More information**

Randi Garnick, Director of Admissions, will present an information session and answer questions.

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Maximizing Grad School Dollars (an AccessLex Webinar)

**When**
Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 7:30-8:30pm

**Where**
This is an online event.

**More information**

What you borrow to finance your education today can have a significant impact on your financial well-being tomorrow. Learn more about the financial aid process and the basics of student loans in this MAX Pre-Law webinar, Maximizing Your Grad School Dollars, presented by AccessLex.

Mark your calendars! Registration link to follow.

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