

# THE CCS BUZZ

Your weekly guide to what is important to your career and professional development

Week of February 16, 2009



## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*Also See 1L Corner\*

- 2/18 **Successful Interviewing & Call Backs**  
12pm, HOL 345 By Carlton Fields Recruiter
- 2/18 Etiquette Dinner, 6pm at Hillel House  
Co-sponsored by FAWL, JMBA & SALSA
- 2/19 Careers in the US Army  
10-11am & 12-1pm, HOL 359 By Army Recruiter
- 2/25 **How to Have a Successful Summer**  
12pm, 136 BG by Quarles & Brady
- 3/4 3L Bar Application Conversion Program  
12pm, HOL 345 Co-sponsored by Bar/Bri

## GOT ETIQUETTE?

**2/18, 5:45pm at Hillel House**

Co-Hosted by UF FAWL

& co-sponsored by JMBA & SALSA

Come enjoy a three-course meal with Catie Whitherspoon, a consultant with Skalaski Consulting, while learning the proper etiquette during an interview or reception. As well as breaking in to an ongoing conversation, and connecting other professionals. In this economy, it is vital you set yourself apart from the rest.

We can show you how!

Pick up tickets in the JMBA Office

\$10 for first 50 tickets sold

\$15 for second 50 tickets sold



## TIP OF THE WEEK

### Mock Interviews

Have an OCI Interview and want to practice?

Don't forget to schedule a mock interview with a counselor in Career Services. Receive great tips on what to expect, how to handle difficult questions, and learn questions fellow students tripped up on. You can even have your interview videoed and walk away with the DVD. Practice with us, so you don't mess up with them!!!

## Successful Interviewing & Call Backs

2/18, 12pm HOL 345

How do I prepare for my interview and what should I expect?

Join Shannon Williams, Director of Attorney Recruitment from the Tampa office of Carlton Fields to learn first hand about mastering the legal interview and call-backs.

## 1L CORNER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/20 Careers in Real Property, Probate & Trust  
12pm, HOL 345 By RPPTL Section of Fl Bar
- 3/4 What I Did Last Summer, 12pm, 136 BG

## Careers in Real Property, Probate & Trust 12pm, HOL 345: A Lunch & Learn Program

On Friday, February 20th, a panel of local attorneys from the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (RPPTL) section of the Florida Bar will share their career paths, experiences and perspectives with students interested in learning about the above practice areas.

Dr. Martha Peters suggested during her program *Discovering Your Ideal Career Through Self-Assessment* that law students take a personality test like Myers-Briggs. This tool helps students identify and develop strategies to overcome weakness as well as how to effectively use their strengths. She warns to not answer the questions with how you WANT to be, but how you actually are. A weakness does not indicate something you can't do. Like writing with your non dominant hand, it just takes a little extra work and practice!

Come read her book *Juris Types in the Career Services Resource Center* to discover clues to your personality type, learning style and career choices.

# Happy Presidents Day!



From the CCS





## SAVE THE DATES! Public Interest Week March 16-23

- 3/16, 6pm **Public Service Pot Luck**  
Representatives from TRLS, Public Interest Section of the Florida Bar, FILS, Public Defender's Office, and more are attending!  
- Sponsored by APIL
- 3/17, 12pm **Pro Bono Symposium**  
- Sponsored by the Center for Children & Families
- 10 - 2pm **Volunteer Fair - Local agencies**  
5pm **Perspectives from A Public Defender & State Attorney**  
- Sponsored by APIL
- 3/18, 5pm **Issues faced by the LBGT Community Speaker Shelby Day, ACLU**  
- Sponsored by APIL
- 3/19, 12pm **Pro Bono & Community Service Opps**  
- Sponsored by Career Services

## FOCUS ON SHIPS

Fellowships • Internships • Clerkships • Scholarships

### Equal Justice Works 2009 Summer Corps

The Equal Justice Works Summer Corps program engages law students around the country who are expanding the delivery of legal services to those who need it most. Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that in 2009 will provide 355 law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for dedicating their summer to a qualifying legal project at a nonprofit public interest organization. Summer Corps members provide critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities in the United States on a broad range of issue areas. For more info visit: [www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/general](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/general)

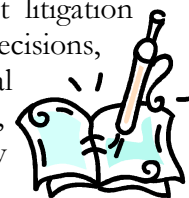
**Applications will be available and accepted from March 18 - April 1!!!**

Although Career Services reports announcements of opportunities and events that may state a preference for a specified religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ethnicity, disability or other category, it is UF Law CCS's policy that any interested UF Law student is eligible to submit credentials for consideration and may participate in the events.

## WRITING COMPETITION For Federal Circuit Bar Association

Win \$3000 and "significant favorable publicity to all members of the FCBA." Possible 2nd & 3rd place cash prizes as well.

Entries to the contest may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Specifically, the Court's jurisdiction includes appeals from all patent litigation (nationwide), Patent and Trademark Office decisions, government contract claims, International Trade Commission, Merit Systems Appeals, and Veterans Appeals. Papers from law school courses and seminars encouraged.



Email [careers@law.ufl.edu](mailto:careers@law.ufl.edu) for more information.

## OCI Interviews Begin 2/17!



Remember, OCI Interviewing begins THIS Tuesday!!! A legal interview is very different than standard interviews you may have had. Don't walk into the interview unprepared. Bring extra copies of your resume, writing sample and unofficial transcript. Do research on the firm and interviewer.. Schedule a mock interview with a career services counselor, practice your legal interview skills AND receive feedback.

## CCS AVAILABILITY

Hours of Operation: M-F 8am-5pm

Walk-Ins: Have a quick question? Pop in M-Th 8:30am-3pm

Appointments: Ask at the front desk or email [careers@law.ufl.edu](mailto:careers@law.ufl.edu)

IM: Fridays, 9am-5pm for Yahoo, Hotmail, AOL  
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