

THE CCS BUZZ

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

Week of March 2, 2009



UPCOMING EVENTS

Also See 1L Corner

- 3/4 3L Bar Application Conversion Program
12pm, HOL 345 Co-sponsored by Bar/Bri
- 3/16 Careers in International Law
w/ speaker Matthew Wilson
4pm - 5:30pm, HOL 180
- 3/18 Alternative Careers
12pm, HOL 345
- 3/19 Pro Bono & Community Service Options
- 3/24 2L/3Ls What Should I Be Doing Now?
12pm, 136 BG
- 3/25 Everything You Need to Know About
Off Campus Recruiting
12pm, HOL 345
- 4/1 Federal Law Clerk Roundtable
12pm, FDR by Federal Bar Association

3LS: From Application to Exam

3/4, 12pm, HOL 345

Everything you want to know about the Florida Bar Exam.

Come enjoy pizza and gain invaluable information this Wednesday, March 4th at 12:00 in HOL 345.

Jessie Howell Wallace will speak about the Bar Exam Application Conversion Process and Karen Hundley, Fl Director, BarBri Bar Review and Phil Sandon, Florida Bar Exam Tutor & Consultant will help you understanding the contents of and preparation for the Florida Bar Exam.

PIZZA provided by BarBri!!!



Careers in International Law

3/16, 4pm - 5:30pm, HOL 180

Come hear guest speaker Matthew Wilson, Associate Dean and General Counsel at Temple University in Tokyo, Japan discuss traditional and non-traditional career opportunities in International Law in Florida, the United States and Overseas.



1L CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/4 What I Did Last Summer, 12pm, 136 BG
- 3/27 What Should I Be Doing Now? 12pm, 136 BG

What I Did Last Summer

Come hear what works in formulating a successful job strategy from a panel of 2Ls and 3Ls who have gone through this process and secured summer internships on Wednesday, March 4th at 12pm in 136 BG.

Quarles & Brady attorneys Otto Imel and Kelly Davis gave great advice to students at their program last week, *How to Have a Successful Summer*. Prior to starting be sure to keep in touch with recruiting staff, participate in pre-summer activities, and organize any potential conflict from prior employment for the firm. Look at your summer as an extended job interview. Seek out and get to know the hiring partners. Be friendly to all support staff, you never know whose ear they have!

Quarles & Brady's Golden Rule:

Use this opportunity to seek out substantive work, which will carry much weight if you re-enter the job market.

Nat'l Black Prosecutors Assoc.

Conference & Job Fair: 7/21

The Job Fair will provide a unique forum where law students, recent law graduates, and experienced attorneys from across the nation can meet and interview with prospective prosecutorial employers at the local, state, and federal levels. The Job Fair begins at 8:00 am with registration and check-in; interviews commence at 9:00 am. At the culmination of the Job Fair, there will be a reception for all Job Fair participants and Convention attendees. The reception will afford Job Fair attendees an additional opportunity to further network with prospective employers and experienced prosecutors. **The Job Fair early registration fee for law students and 2009 law school graduates is \$25.00, and will start going up after March 31.**



LEGAL STUDIES INSTITUTE Wash. DC, May 24 – Aug. 1, 2009

The Legal Studies Institute, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies, provides the opportunity for first and second year law students to gain a first-hand look at the American legal system through legal internships, seminars, guest speakers and briefings.

- **Legal Internship:** Participants will be placed in a 9-week legal internship where they will gain substantive experience in the legal profession. Internship sites include law firms, courts, public interest legal organizations, and the legal departments of trade associations, corporations and government agencies.
- **Briefings and Activities:** Participants will attend private briefings at institutions of the judicial and executive branches and will meet with prominent judges, lawyers and judicial scholars.
- **Scholarships:** 75% of students receive scholarship awards based on financial need and merit.

For more information and how to apply, visit:

www.tfas.org/legalstudies

FINAL DEADLINE: March 20

Applications accepted on rolling basis, apply today!

OCI: Last Week!

In this last week of On Campus Interviews be sure to continue to check announcements on Simplicity. There has been a trend this interviewing season for legal employers to register late. The CCS will post instructions on how to apply for late added employers in Simplicity's announcements.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Leadership

Many firms have identified leadership as an important core competency to seek in a candidate. Whether in a student organization in law school, advocacy or community-based groups, spearheading and activity or excelling at your job, leadership skills can be gained in a variety of ways. These skills very often become talking points during an interview!

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.

Happy Spring Break!!!
From the CCS

FREE TIME OVER SPRING BREAK?

Here is what your friends may be doing...

☼ Networking

Check with the local Bar Association of where you will visit to see if there are any social, community or educational events you could attend or even help with.

☼ Attending Informational Interviews

Don't know what you want to do with your J.D.? Contact attorneys in various fields to see if they can spare a few minutes, or more, to hand down some advice. Don't forget to give them your resume and ask for names of other people you may talk to.

☼ Shadowing

Arrange to sit in on a court proceeding, mediation or deposition. Seek out substantive project, and get to know as many people as possible.

☼ Organizing & sending out targeted mailing

Take time to research firms to show on your cover letter your demonstrated interest in that particular firm. This distinguishes yourself from the generic blast mailings of other students.

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

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

Blog: Check out the NEW and CONTINUALLY UPDATED place to find your important career planning info: uflawccs.blogspot.com

