

THE CCS BUZZ

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

Week of March 30, 2009



UPCOMING EVENTS

Also See 1L Corner

- 4/1 Federal Law Clerk Roundtable
12pm, FDR by Federal Bar Association
- 4/8 Judicial Clerkship Application Process
12pm, FDR

Federal Law Clerk Roundtable

4/1, 12pm, FDR

Considering a Judicial Clerkship after graduation?

Come hear federal judicial law clerks, Amanda Reid-Payne (UF '04), Jennifer Deeb (UF '00), and Lundi McCarthy share their experiences and perspectives on finding, attaining, and working as judicial clerks. Pizza will be graciously provided by the Federal Bar Association.



Judicial Clerkship Application Process, 4/8, 12pm FDR

Come and learn about the process of applying for Federal Judicial Clerkships, from obtaining letters of recommendation to applying to accepting an offer. Please be aware that the judicial application process typically is accomplished over one year in advance, so don't miss out on great opportunities by missing critical deadlines. 2L's will be applying during SUMMER 2009 for positions beginning fall 2010.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To the extent you see the legal profession as a calling, the practice of law is about hunger. The hunger for resolution; for healing lives of individuals, organizations and communities; for enabling society to function harmoniously and productively; and, ultimately, for justice." - Steven Keeva, from The Reflective Counselor: Daily Meditations for Lawyers



1L CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/13 1L Shadow Program 10am, 136 BG

Federal Contractors

For a law-related job, consider being a Federal government contracting officer (COTR). Opportunities exist with agencies such as the Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Homeland Security, Dept. of Justice, Dept. of Energy, General Services Administration, as well as within the different branches of the military as civilian employees.

COTRs also enjoy the prospect of rapid advancement, not to mention federal benefit packages. You can find these positions through multiple resources online. We found a database of different positions at:

www.fai.gov/FAIC/Default.asp

A COTR would be well positioned once the economy rebounds for other federal government opportunities or with large law firms with a government contract practice.

THIS WEEK!

CCS Availability Limited

Several of the CCS counselors will be attending a conference this week., gaining insight into the current job market and expanding informational resources in these tough times. A counselor will be available until 1pm each day this week. Due to scheduling conflicts it is highly suggested that you send your question via email if possible, or schedule an appointment in advance.



JAX Networking Event

The Young Lawyers Section of the Jacksonville Bar Association invites you to attend:

Date: Thursday, **April 9, 2009**

Event: RENDEZVOUS ON THE RIVER Happy Hour

Location: River City Brewing Company

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm



Ombuds Internships, DC Area

An ombudsman investigates reported claims (as from students or consumers), reports findings and helps achieve equitable settlements.

1. **Department of Homeland Security, CIS Ombudsman:** Apply for general 2010 DHS internship through usajobs.gov & indicate this office in your cover letter. Unpaid internships offered year round. Interested applicants for both programs may email cisombudsman.publicaffairs@dhs.gov.
2. **Inter-American Development Bank, Office of the Ombudsman:** For more information and to apply enet.iadb.org/jobs/sipro.asp.
3. **Food and Drug Administration - Office of Ombudsman:** Interested students can send a resume and letter of interest directly to 5600 Fishers Lane, HF-7, Rockville, MD 10587. They should include an e-mail address. For more info visit: www.fda.gov/oc/ombudsman/homepage.htm.
4. **Department of Education - Federal Student Aid Office of the Ombudsman:** Announcements for the position and application procedures will be posted in March to the office's website at www.ombudsman.ed.gov.
5. **National Public Radio**
For more information and how to apply visit: www.npr.org/about/jobs/intern/ 10th internship listed from the bottom of the page. **Deadline July 15**
6. **National Institutes for Health - Office of the Ombudsman/Center for Cooperative Resolution**
For information visit: ombudsman.nih.gov/homepage.html, to apply contact Samantha Levine-Finley at levinesa@od.nih.gov.

Pro Bono & Comm Svc Hours

DEADLINE - 4/3, 3pm

Participants of the Pro Bono & Community Service Projects: It is important to keep your hours up to date with the CCS. 1Ls & 2Ls earning at least 35 hours this school year in either project will be eligible to attend the Volunteer Celebration. Graduating 3Ls need to turn in all hours earned to ensure they will receive the correct tier certificate at the Volunteer Celebration, and to be competitive for the Student of the Year Award.

All hours and paperwork must be turned in to the CCS no later than 3pm on April 3rd.

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.

Inn of Court

Plan to work in Jacksonville & not graduating before 5/10? Consider applying for the Chester Bedell Inn of Court

The six students selected will travel to Jacksonville to attend a dinner and meeting on one Thursday night each month from September 09 through March 10. Each of the regular meetings consist of a dinner with all members of the Inn present followed by an educational component, at which the members of the Inn demonstrate and discuss issues, techniques, problems and ethics of trial advocacy. Students who are invited to participate in the Inn are expected to attend all Inn meetings during the year, to meet with a select number of Benchers and Barristers in "pupilage groups" and to take an active part in the meetings and social events of the Inn.

The students selected will have the opportunity to work with and to observe the most outstanding trial lawyers and judges in the State and Federal courts; they will have the opportunity to meet and come to know on a personal basis the leaders of the Bench and the Bar in the State of Florida, and learn trial techniques and skills from true masters of their craft. Well qualified students are encouraged to apply who:

- 1) can commit to faithfully attending a dinner and meeting one Thursday per month from September through March in Jacksonville and 2) have a demonstrated interest in litigation and the Jacksonville area and 3) will not be graduating before May 2010
- Applications and additional information are available in the Center for Career Services for the Jacksonville Inn and the application deadline is April 10, 2009.**

CCS AVAILABILITY

***NEW* Tuesdays:** The CCS will have a counselor available until 7:00pm. **Except 3/31**

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.

