

THE CCD BUZZ

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

Week of September 21, 2009

UPCOMING CCD PROGRAMS

9/21-25 PUBLIC INTEREST WEEK!

- 9/21 Volunteer Fair
10am-2pm, Courtyard
- 9/22 Public Interested? w/ speakers from
TRLS & SLC
12pm, HOL 345
- 9/23 3Ls Only: Dean Jerry - Employment Market
11am, HOL 180
- 9/28 3Ls: Java with Jessie
3:30pm Starbucks at Royal Park
- 9/29 Energy Law Program
12pm, HOL 345
- 9/29 Etiquette Dinner with Catie Witherspoon
6-8pm, Hillel House



PUBLIC INTEREST WEEK

9/21 - Volunteer Fair, 10-2pm, Courtyard

Come down to the Courtyard to meet representatives of local agencies interested in student volunteers, including Three Rivers Legal Services, Southern Legal Counsel, Florida Institutional Legal Services, and Alachua County Teen Court. Hours donated at these agencies count towards your Pro Bono or Community Service Certificate. Kristen Bryant, Pro Bono Project Coordinator, will also be tabling to answer questions.

9/22 - Public Interested? 12pm, HOL 345

Speak with UF Law alumni Jorge Tormes ('07) & Patricia Antonucci ('08) from Three Rivers Legal Services and attorney Gabriella Ruiz, from Southern Legal Counsel about how to make a career of public interest work, the benefits it can offer, and the obstacles that can be encountered. Pizza will be provided by the CCD.



3L's Only - with Dean Jerry

9/23, 11 am in HOL 180

Join Dean Jerry on **September 23rd in HOL 180** as he gives his take on the economic conditions now present in the legal market, and what they mean to you. He will also share his thoughts on steps to take to deal with that market.

Sandwiches provided by the CCD.



Got Etiquette?

9/29, 6-8pm, Hillel House

Come enjoy a three-course meal with Catie Witherspoon, consultant with Skalaski Consulting, on **September 29 at 5:45 p.m.** at the Hillel House. Learn about proper etiquette during an interview or reception, breaking into an ongoing conversation, and connecting with other professionals. In this economy, it is vital you set yourself apart from the rest. We can show you how! Hosted by UF FAWL and the Center for Career Development and co-sponsored by JMBA. Pick up tickets in the JMBA office for \$14.



PLANNING NOW FOR WINTER BREAK?

Before you start a vacation search, consider your job search...

Setting Up Informational Interviews

Consider spending your winter break in a city where you might want to practice. This will allow you to not only explore the city to see if it is a good fit, but to also contact local attorneys in fields of interest to you. Ask if they can spare a few minutes, to hand down some advice. Find out their story, why they chose that city, what challenges they had to overcome. See if they can suggest classes or activities that may make you marketable to employers in that area. Don't forget to give them your resume and ask for names of other people you may talk to next.

For example, for students interested in practicing corporate law in New York, you could start on martindale.com on the "advanced" search. Select your search criteria, State: New York, Practice Area: Corporate Law, Law School: University of Florida. Now you have a list of 12 UF Law alum who practice what you are interested in. Send an email indicating your interest in the field and ask for time to speak with them. Better yet, since you will be in the area for Winter Break, would they be willing to speak with you for a few minutes while you are visiting.



Attention 2Ls! Diversity Fellowship Program

Baker Hostetler is proud to announce their Diversity Fellowship Program demonstrating the firm's long standing commitment to diversity and attracting top candidates with diverse backgrounds. The Fellowship is open to all second-year law students. The successful candidate will receive up to a \$25,000 award as well as a position in the Baker Hostetler 2010 summer associate program. Details can be found on the firm's website at:

www.bakerlaw.com/diversityfellowshipprogram/

Applications are being accepted NOW.

Deadline is October 9, 2009.



The American Intellectual Property Law Association hosts its annual career fair on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm.

TO REGISTER for the AIPLA Career Fair, visit: careers.aipla.org/home/index.cfm?site_id=714. This page will provide a link to more detailed information and the actual registration button. **IMPORTANT: All Job Seekers must be current members in good standing, with their 2009-2010 dues paid (\$45).**

WELCOME ROB TO THE CCD!

Join the CCD in welcoming our newest counselor, **Rob Birrenkott**. He earned his B.A. in Government & World Affairs from the Univ. of Tampa, his J.D. from the UF Law, & is a member of the Florida Bar. He practiced law in Tampa with a focus on environmental (water resource), government and business law and has taught as an adjunct professor. He serves as one of the primary career counselors to first-year students, and will oversee our career education programs and administer 1L initiatives. Email Rob at: rbirrenkott@law.ufl.edu.

Although Career Development 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 CCD's policy that any interested UF Law student is eligible to submit credentials for consideration and may participate in the events.

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Sponsored by the North Central
FL Chapter of the
Federal Bar Association
Thursday, October 1, 2009
from 1:00-5:00 p.m.



in the Gainesville U.S. Courthouse

- Best Practices in Writing and Oral Arguments before the Court with U.S. Circuit Judge Charles R. Wilson, Senior U.S. District Judge William F. Stafford and U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones
- Developments in the Northern District of Florida and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Stephan P. Mickle
- Basic Appellate Practice: Tips for New Appellate Practitioners and Trial Lawyers, Steven L. Brannock, Esq.
- Reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the close of the seminar

Law student cost is \$20 before 9/28/09 and \$25 thereafter. Registration forms available in the CCD.



CCD 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: Friday, 10am-4pm for Yahoo, Hotmail & AOL
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Blog: Check out the CONTINUALLY UPDATED place to find your important career planning info: uflawccs.blogspot.com

