

# THE CCD BUZZ

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

Week of October 5, 2009

## UPCOMING CCD PROGRAMS

- 10/6 Considering Solo? w/ Local Practitioner  
12pm, HOL 270
- 10/7 Cover Letter Workshop  
12pm, HOL 345
- 10/8 2L & 3L Self-Assessment w/ Dr. Marty Peters  
11am, HOL 345
- 10/8 1L Self-Assessment w/ Dr. Marty Peters  
1 pm, HOL 270
- 10/13 Opp. with the Public Defender & State Atty's Ofc  
12pm, HOL 345



## BEAT THE DAWGS! Alumni Reception - Jax



**Interested in the Jacksonville employment market?**  
Attend the "Beat the Dawgs" alumni reception in Jacksonville on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 at the River Club at the top of the Modis Building. UF Law has a large alumni network in Jacksonville who would like to meet you. Space available for 10 students only, so interested students should send an email indicating interest & class year to: [careers@law.ufl.edu](mailto:careers@law.ufl.edu) by 10/19.

## CONSIDERING SOLO? 10/6, 12pm, HOL 270

3L's, are you considering going solo? You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from attorney Karen Specie, and learn about the benefits and challenges associated with her experience going solo. Assistant Dean Linda Calvert Hanson will be on hand to discuss the resources available on solo practice through the CCD. Bonita Young will also speak on how Lexis Nexis can assist you in setting up a solo practice. The program will take place on **October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in HOL 270**. Pizza generously provided by Lexis.



## COVER LETTER WORKSHOP 10/7, 12pm HOL 345

A well written cover letter can be the difference between a resume that gets attention and one that is thrown away unread. How are your letters stacking up to the competition? Join the CCD on **Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in HOL 345** to discuss ways to improve your cover letters to highlight your best skills and accomplishments. The discussion will also include tips on utilizing your cover letters for targeted mailings to research opps. in the cities you want to work.

## Discovering YOUR Ideal Career Through Self-Assessment

Hear speaker Dr. Martha Peters, author of *Juris Types*, on **10/8 in HOL 345: 11am, 2Ls & 3Ls**  
**HOL 270: 1pm, 1Ls**

This program will help students better target their career search. Many students are not sure what they would like to do, and many alumni are not happy with their jobs because during law school they did not take the time to identify their values and learn about the type of work environments in which they will thrive and find career satisfaction. Dr. Peters will help you identify what will make you happy, rewarded and fulfilled.

**Dr. Peters will also have some availability on Friday to meet individually with students to talk about their MBTI and options.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations to 2L's Sarah Casey and Zane Altman, who join current reps, 3L's Alexis Cooper and Harlan McGuire, as law student representatives to the North Central Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Student membership in this organization is \$25.00 and entitles you to participate in numerous events with federal judges and practitioners. Join on-line at [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org) or talk to one of the student reprs.

## GOVT Summer Progs. Cancelled or Deadlines Moved Earlier

The CCD has been notified by the Government Honors & Internship Handbook administrators that many programs have cut short their application period due to the high volume of responses. Some programs have even been cancelled due to the economic downturn. **Students interested in any of these programs are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible, since posted deadlines can change suddenly.**



## What to do in law school when jobs are scarce?

While the employment marketplace is less than ideal, it does provide the wise law student with extra incentive to carefully plan their law school experience to ensure that they have well positioned themselves with strong credentials in this competitive marketplace. Gaining experience is likely to be the number one means to ensure marketability.

- Clinics provide hands-on practical experience in a legal setting helping others.
- Law Review, Moot Court or Trial Team provide valuable skills
- Externships, internships or volunteer positions help you gain “real world” perspectives while networking with legal professionals
- Research or teaching assistants develop interpersonal relations while maximizing research and writing skills
- Gaining meaningful leadership experience in organizations demonstrates commitment and interest in particular areas of law. As one attorney asked after reviewing the law student’s resume, “Why does this person wish to work for me, in my environmental law-only law practice, when there is no indication that they took environmental law, have any experience in environmental law and did not even care enough to join the environmental law student group?” There is no sound response to that poignant question.

Now more than in recent times, it is crucial for law students to utilize the full range of services available to them in the Center for Career Development. The CCD website provides on-line resources 24/7 and our professional counselors want to help you plan your career path.



## VOLUSIA COUNTY NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY



### **YLD LUNCH & LEARN CLE SEMINAR BEING A YOUNG LAWYER: THINGS I WISH I KNEW BACK WHEN...**

Presented by Philip J. Bonamo, Esquire  
President, Volusia County Bar Association

- Issues Facing New Attorneys - What They Didn't Teach You in Law School
- What the Judge is REALLY Looking For
- Law Office Management - Importance of Office Environment and Its Dynamics
- Ethics & Professionalism - What's the Difference?

**Friday, November 13, 2009**

747 Office Suites, 747 S. Ridgewood Avenue

Seminar will begin promptly at 12:00 noon – lunch will be set up at 11:30.

Boxed lunches: \$10 for VCBA YLD Members & \$15 Non-members

RSVP: [volusiabar@bellsouth.net](mailto:volusiabar@bellsouth.net) -- Please include your sandwich preference: ham, turkey or vegetarian.

## 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](mailto:careers@law.ufl.edu).**

**IM: Friday, 10am-4pm for Yahoo, Hotmail & AOL  
Screen name: UFLAWCAREERS.**

**Twitter: [twitter.com/uflawcareers](http://twitter.com/uflawcareers)**

**Facebook: do a search for [UF Law Career Services](#)**

**Blog: Check out the CONTINUALLY UPDATED place to find your important career planning info: [uflawccs.blogspot.com](http://uflawccs.blogspot.com)**



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.

