

# THE CCD BUZZ

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

Week of November 9, 2009

## PRACTICING LAW IN A VIRTUAL WORLD, 11/14



### SL Bar Association Mini-Conference

Event Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009

Session 1: 3 pm – 3:55 pm Eastern

Session 2: 4:00 pm – 4:55 pm Eastern

Mixer: 5:00 – 5:30 pm Eastern

Law School Location: TBD

Or, you can attend in-world at UF Law on Gator Nation Island (123, 77, 25) in Second Life®. RSVP by emailing: [slbaconference@gmail.com](mailto:slbaconference@gmail.com) or in-world IM: Michele Jigsaw, with your Avatar name to receive your visitor pass. Feel free to send any questions about the conference as well.

**Session 1:** Practice Issues Unique to the Virtual World Setting - Practicing law in an environment where either your client or the person they are dealing with are not located in a specific physical jurisdiction raises unique issues in practicing law. This session discusses these and other practice issues unique to representing companies and individuals in a virtual world setting.

**Session 2:** Substantive Issues in a Virtual World - Copyright violation is a common complaint in a virtual world setting, but there are many interesting topics that are unique to practicing in a virtual world. How can I have an enforceable contract in a world with no “law”? If another person’s avatar attacks my avatar in a non-warring world, is it a crime? Or a breach of the user agreement? Find out what issues virtual worlds attorneys and their clients face in this session on substantive issues in a virtual world.

## 1L CORNER

### SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS!

It is not too late for you to sign up for a small group counseling session. This is your chance to ask questions of a counselor from Career Development, learn about critical dates for 1Ls & other important information. **Do not forget that you must attend one of these sessions in order to make an individual appointment with a counselor.** Sign-up sheets continue to be posted in the hallway outside of Career Development on the second floor of Bruton-Geer Hall.



## AGRICULTURAL LAW SEMINAR, 11/20

Presented by The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, The General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section, the Agricultural Law Committee and the Environmental & Land Use Law Section.

### When:

November 20, 2009

8:25am - 1:05pm



### Where:

Florida Farm Bureau Federation Building  
5700 SW 34th Street Gainesville, FL

### Topics include:

Farm & Ranch Estate Planning  
Employment Laws Affecting Farm Operations  
Management of Agricultural Wastes: Regulatory & Public Health Considerations

### Registration:

Online - [www.floridabar.org/CLE](http://www.floridabar.org/CLE)

At the door at 8am on 11/20.



## NEW RESOURCES IN THE CCD!



**The 2008-2009 Green Book: Official Directory of the City of New York** - Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor

- **Teach Me to Solo: The Nuts and Bolts of Law Practice** - Hal Davis

Make yourself layoff proof. Create your own success using the time-tested strategies in this book. Decide what to practice; find, attract and retain quality clients; turn away unprofitable clients; collect fees and manage finances; and more!

- **How to Start & Build a Law Practice (5th Edition: Revised & Updated)** - Jay G. Foonberg

This is THE basic comprehensive guide to planning, starting, and growing a successful practice. It is packed with techniques for getting started, identifying the right location, finding clients, setting fees, managing your office, maintaining an ethical & responsible practice, & more!



## FOCUS ON SHIPS

Fellowships • Internships • Clerkships • Scholarships

■ The **Florida Justice Institute ("FJI")**, a small public interest law firm, seeks **3Ls** to recommend to a private foundation to receive a public interest law fellowship to work at the Institute during the 2010 summer. The position pays \$7,000 for 11 weeks. FJI is a statewide, public interest law firm providing civil legal services to persons in prisons and jails, to victims of housing discrimination, civil rights and civil liberties trials and appeals, and handling class action, impact work on behalf of low-income persons. Since the bulk of FJI's work is in federal court, there is a considerable amount of written legal pleading and practice work. The Fellow will be exposed to all phases of federal practice starting from client interviews, public records requests, substantial research projects, depositions, discovery tours of prisons and jails, hearings, mediations, trials and oral arguments as they may occur throughout the summer. The Fellow will receive direct supervision, assignments, direction and feedback from the assigning attorney. The Institute handles cases statewide, so there may be some travel involved. There is also a seminar weekend with other public interest lawyers, usually held in Key West.

Among the factors to be considered in selections are experience in working with the low-income community, academic achievement, writing skills, and previous contact with and long-term commitment/interest in public service/*pro bono* work. Applicants should send their resume & cover letter of interest by email to Jessica M. Pla, [JPla@FloridaJusticeInstitute.org](mailto:JPla@FloridaJusticeInstitute.org), at Florida Justice Institute. **DEADLINE, December 1**

■ The **Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation Internship Program** was established to develop the next generation of liberty-minded leaders and entrepreneurs. Over the course of the program, Interns engage in key Foundation projects, while learning and applying Market-Based Management®.

The project assignments cover fascinating areas including policy research, leadership and talent development, grassroots education, marketing, and network development. This hands-on experience gives interns the chance to explore the non-profit sector, while applying the management philosophy they are learning from the Foundation, and allows them to build a network of like-minded friends and associates. For more information visit:

[www.cgkfoundation.org/internship-program](http://www.cgkfoundation.org/internship-program).

**DEADLINE, December 4**



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.

■ **Bet Tzedek's** nationally known summer clerkship program draws top law students from Southern California and around the country for an intensive 10-11 week internship experience in legal services. Several hundred applicants each year apply for the 25-30 placements available at our offices. Students are given the opportunity to work hands-on with clients, and many of them return to Bet Tzedek as volunteer attorneys after graduation. Students are responsible for their own funding. Summer clerks may be assigned to special projects: *Housing Conditions Project, Consumer Protection Unit, Holocaust Restitution Project, Kinship Care Project, Family Caregiver Project, Employment Rights Project.* **DEADLINE, January 15th**

For more information, please contact [volunteer@bettzedek.org](mailto:volunteer@bettzedek.org).

■ The **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF")** is an agency within the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"). The primary mission of the ATF is to prevent violent crime by enforcing and administering the Gun Control Act, the federal firearms and explosives laws and alcohol and tobacco trafficking laws. As a small agency with broad, interrelated mission involving law enforcement, regulatory compliance, alcohol and tobacco diversion and homeland security concerns, ATF affords attorneys, interns and recent law school graduates with opportunities to experience a variety of legal disciplines in a dynamic and collegial environment. ATF offers unpaid summer and semester internship opportunities in D.C. and in many cities throughout the U.S. Students wishing to apply for volunteer position may submit a cover letter & resume via email to [cheifcounselinternships@atf.gov](mailto:cheifcounselinternships@atf.gov). Please indicate which term you are applying for in the subject line of your email. **Deadlines: Summer, Dec. 1; Fall, June 1, 2010**

For other volunteer opportunities visit:  
[www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/int/internsum09.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/int/internsum09.htm)

## 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)**

