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Monday-Friday  
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## NEWSLETTER

### Programs

#### MA Appeals Court

Monday, October 2, 9:30am-1:00pm, Moot Court

Proceedings may be viewed on the TV in the Law School Commons; however, students are urged to sit inside the Moot Courtroom to take full advantage of observing the arguments and the question-and-answer session to follow.

#### Resume and Cover Letter Clinic

Thursday, October 5, 11:00am-1:00pm, Career Services Office, or by appointment

Bring your resume to our office for an individual critique with one of the counselors.

#### Information Session: The Value of an Externship and more...

Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 noon-12:30pm, Law Room 3

See info below.

#### First Year Student and Young Alumni Etiquette Lunch

Thursday, October 26, 11:20am-1:00pm, Law Common

The program is designed to foster active conversation between students and young alumni about the variety of opportunities in the legal profession. We will have a speaker on business etiquette as part of the program. Mandie A. LeBeau, Esq., president of Pardon Me, Inc., a business etiquette-consulting firm, teaches students and executives how to present themselves professionally in the workplace. No preparation is required on your part. Simply RSVP electronically within your email invitation by Friday, October 20.

#### CSO: Taking the Patent Bar Info Session

Wednesday, November 1, 12:00 noon-1:00 pm, Law Room 3

If you are a student with an undergrad degree (or at least two years of coursework) in engineering, computer sciences or the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, or related fields), and are interested in becoming a Patent Agent or Attorney, Practising Law Institute (PLI) invites you to a presentation by Mark Dighton, PLI's Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Office Exam Course. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Office Exam
- Who can take it
- How it works, now that it's on computer and "on demand"
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How the America Invents Act and recent US Supreme Court cases have impacted the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult Exam

Please visit PLI on the web for a wealth of information on the resources they offer:

[www.PatentOfficeExamCourse.com](http://www.PatentOfficeExamCourse.com)    [www.pli.edu](http://www.pli.edu)

### Job Search Preparation

It is never too early to begin your job search for next summer! Please contact our office to schedule an appointment to discuss your job search. If you would like us to review your resume, please review the resume handout on the [Career Handouts](#) section of the Career Services website, and then make edits to your resume accordingly. Email an electronic copy of your updated resume to Sam Charron ([scharron@law.wne.edu](mailto:scharron@law.wne.edu)) prior to the meeting. Do you have an interview coming up? Call to schedule a mock interview with us.

WNE Law students are now granted free access to [lawcountability.com](http://lawcountability.com). Lawcountability J.D. is a cloud-based software platform designed to help students navigate the competitive job market and create career opportunities. Lawcountability is a coach to encourage and assist folks to network and market themselves in an effective and fun way. If you would like to give the program a try, go to <http://lawcountability.com/students/> and click on [Register For a Free Account Here](#), then simply enter your information with the code LCJD2017! This will instantly create an account and you should immediately receive a unique password with a welcome e-mail. We would love to get your feedback on this resource as you use it. Good luck! NOTE: thanks to Lawcountability's collaboration with [BARBRI](#), students who watch all of the Lawcountability, J.D. programs throughout the entire 2017-2018 academic year and complete all of the designated tasks may be eligible to win one of four full BARBRI Bar Review scholarships.

### Helpful Job Search Sites

Please open our link for [helpful job search sites](#).

## Symplicity and Job Postings

Please open our link for [job postings](#).

## 2018-2019 Court Term Judicial Clerkships (3L and 4LE)

Please note some close clerkship deadlines:

- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court - application deadline: **September 29, 2017**. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. <http://www.mass.gov/courts/jobs/sjc-law-clerk-applicants-gen.html>
- Rhode Island Supreme Court, Trial Court - application deadline: **October 13, 2017**. *Rec letters accepted through October 20, 2017.* <https://www.courts.ri.gov/PDF/JudicialClerkship2018-2019.pdf>

The Guide to State Judicial Clerkship Procedures may be helpful as it lists all clerkship application instructions by state. It includes current information on the application procedures, timing, salary, and hiring process for judicial clerkships in all fifty states. <http://forms.vermontlaw.edu/career/guides/>; username: maple; password: leaf.

## Experiential Learning

### ADVISING SESSIONS

Selecting a clinic or externship that is best for you is an important process. We have scheduled advising sessions that will guide you through the process of determining what type of placement will help you achieve your career and academic goals. We ask all students applying for a clinic or externship to attend an advising session with Dean Beth Cohen or Dean Lauren Carasik. To select a time for an advising session, please add the course titled *Clinic and Externship Advising Sessions* on TWEN to sign up for a 15-minute advising session. If you need an alternate time, please contact Marie Fletcher at 413-782-1469 or [mfletcher@law.wne.edu](mailto:mfletcher@law.wne.edu).

### CLINCS

#### Spring 2018 Clinic Opportunities

We are accepting applications for the following clinics:

Elder Law  
Family Law Mediation Clinic  
International Human Rights Clinic  
Real Estate Practicum

Please contact Marie Fletcher if you are interested in applying for a clinic. She can be reached at [mfletcher@law.wne.edu](mailto:mfletcher@law.wne.edu) or 413-782-1469.

### EXTERNSHIPS

Apply to Spring 2018 externship placement opportunities on Symplicity. Click [here](#) for a listing of opportunities.

**Early Application Deadline Date:** The U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review in Hartford, CT has an application deadline date of October 5, 2017. If you are interested in applying, please make sure you apply on Symplicity by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

All other Externship applications are due by Sunday, October 29, 2017 on Symplicity.

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The Law School prides itself on the wide range of experiential opportunities we make available to students. Externships are a way that students can earn academic credit while interning in an off-campus practice setting - usually with a nonprofit organization, government agency or judge. Come learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Check out the law web pages for clinics and externships at

<http://www1.wne.edu/law/experiential/clinics.cfm>

Clinic Administrator Marie Fletcher is also available for questions regarding both clinics and externships and the application process. She can be reached at 413-782-1469 or [mfletcher@law.wnec.edu](mailto:mfletcher@law.wnec.edu).

## Diversity and Inclusion

**Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association 2017 Law Student Reception:** Thursday, October 5, 5:30 to 7:30pm, hosted by Ropes & Gray, Boston. Join law students and attorneys for an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and good conversation. [RSVP](#) by October 3.

Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity, Inc. (LCD) is gearing up for their LCD/Shipman & Goodwin Mentor/Mentee Program. Last year they had both a record number of mentors and mentees and hope for the same this year. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. For the application form, information on eligibility and more, please see the attached or view their website at [www.LCDiversity.com](http://www.LCDiversity.com). Application deadline: Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

LatinoJustice PRLDEF Civil Rights Term and Summer Legal Internships in NYC, LI and Orlando: The current areas of focus include immigrants' rights, voting rights, redistricting, housing, education, employment, job discrimination, the treatment of day laborers, freedom of movement, and all forms of bias that affect Latinos. **Applications considered on a rolling basis** until positions filled. To apply for internships in the NYC office, please submit cover letter and resume to Deputy General Counsel Jose Perez at: [jperez@latinojustice.org](mailto:jperez@latinojustice.org). To apply for internships in LatinoJustice's Southeast Regional Office, please send cover letter and resume to Associate Counsel Martha Pardo at: [mpardo@latinojustice.org](mailto:mpardo@latinojustice.org). For more information, please visit website: <http://latinojustice.org/>.

**Nixon Peabody's Diverse Scholars Program: Boston Boot Camp:** Friday, October 13, 10:00am to 2:30pm. Nixon Peabody, Boston, invites you to attend the 1st annual Law Firm/Private Sector Boston Boot Camp. The Boot Camp offers practical, hands-on guidance through a workshop led by Nixon Peabody partners and associates with similar backgrounds and experience to 2Ls and 3Ls from diverse backgrounds who are entering the private sector after graduation. This half-day program will consist of panel discussions, interactive activities, a networking lunch, and group discussions which will address many of the common challenges new associates may encounter in law firm and in-house legal environments. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and connect with seasoned attorneys from a broad range of practice areas and experience and gain valuable insight into life as an associate in "big law." [RSVP](#). Questions? Contact Rekha Chiruvolu at [rchiruvolu@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:rchiruvolu@nixonpeabody.com).

The Legal Aid Society welcomes 1L and 2L law students to attend their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Fair on Monday, November

6, 2017, at 6:00 pm. Hosted by Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, the Diversity Fair will offer law students the opportunity to network with Legal Aid Society supervisors and staff attorneys, and learn more about internship and job opportunities at The Legal Aid Society. Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, is located at 919 Third Avenue, in Manhattan. The firm is generously providing their space for this event, in addition to supplying light refreshments for attendees. For more information, email [recruitmentbcs@legal-aid.org](mailto:recruitmentbcs@legal-aid.org).

### FYI

The National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) is hiring for their 2018-2020 Gault Fellowship and their summer 2018 Law Clerks. <http://njdc.info/about-njdc/employment/>. NJDC is also excited to share the updated 2017 version of their [Juvenile Defense Policy and Practice Career Resource Guide](#), which is intended to help law students prepare for a career in juvenile defense or juvenile justice policy reform. The Guide includes information on coursework and externships that will help strengthen a candidate's application in the juvenile defense field; resources to guide in the search for juvenile defense jobs, fellowships, and funding opportunities; and a list of offices around the country that provide employment and internship opportunities specific to juvenile defense.

### Job Fairs

Please open our link for a complete list of [job fairs](#).

### Fellowship

**2018 Singer Connecticut Public Service Fellowship:** Greater Hartford Legal Aid (GHLA), a non-profit law firm serving poor people, seeks to sponsor a highly qualified applicant in applying to the CT Bar Foundation's Singer Connecticut Public Service Fellowship Program. The CT Bar Foundation will fund 3-5 attorney fellows next year. GHLA is a qualified host employer. GHLA will accept applications for sponsorship through October 27, 2017. GHLA will provide a Commitment Letter to its successful candidate, for use in applying to the CT Bar Foundation for the Singer Fellowship by December 1, 2017. For more on the Singer Fellowship, visit <https://www.ctbarfdn.org/Singer>.

**Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program:** those interested in the Equal Justice Works Fellowship Program should do two things right now to increase their chances of submitting a successful Fellowship application:

- [Download the Application Guide](#), filled with best practices and strategies for finding a partner organization, designing a project, and more.
- [Watch a webinar on Submitting a Competitive Application](#)

Candidates will be introduced to the Fellowship and given tips for submitting a competitive application. We recommend this webinar specifically for 3Ls and recent graduates, however 1Ls and 2Ls considering Fellowships are highly encouraged to register as well. Candidates may register to receive a recording immediately following the webinar.

### Pro Bono

Please open our link that explains the Law School's [pro bono graduation requirement](#).

### Bar Associations

Involvement in professional associations plays an important role in professional development, and the sooner you start the easier it gets. Please open our link to explore various [bar associations](#) and the benefits, programs and resources that they offer.

### Scholarships

For scholarship information, see our Career Services Scholarship handouts [online](#).

**2017-2018 Justinian Law Society of Massachusetts Scholarship:** Interested in \$2,500? Three awards will be presented to deserving 2L, 3L day students, or 3LE, 4LE evening students. Requirements include:

- scholastic ability and achievement
- character
- activities
- desire to practice law in the Commonwealth
- interest in Italian-American issues

**Application due date: November 10, 2017.** For application and more information, please see [website](#).

### Study Abroad

Are you interested in studying [abroad](#)?

**Summer** - visit the ABA study abroad [site](#) for more information. Some brochures can be viewed in Career Services.

**Winter** - visit our [online](#) info.

### Law Student Writing Competitions

Interested in entering a legal essay contest? A listing of a variety of contests can be found [online](#).

### Student Business Cards

Professional business cards in sets of 80 are available to you for \$6 in cash or check made payable to WNE School of Law. Stop by the office to submit your order and make payment.

### Mock Interview

Do you have an interview coming up? Call to schedule a mock interview.

### Social Networking Sites

Information on social networking sites is public. Legal recruiters often research applicants or finalists by checking out their online profiles. Candidates have been rejected because their online image was inconsistent with that of their firm. Take a close look at your profile. View it from an employer's perspective. Delete any text or images you wouldn't want a potential employer to see.