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OPD Hours

The Office of Professional Development is available between 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

How to meet with us:

- Assistant Dean Heather Karns will be available for in-person appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during business hours, virtual appointments can also be arranged. Schedule an appointment by emailing Heather.Karns@utoledo.edu
- Laura Dettinger, Director, is available for in-person appointments and dropins on most Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays. Laura is remote on Thursday and Friday and as needed. Please email her at laura.dettinger@utoledo.edu to schedule an appointment.
- Katie Schuyler, Assistant Director, will be available for in-person appointments and drop-ins on most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Katie is remote on Monday and Wednesday and as needed. Schedule an appointment by emailing Kate.Schuyler@utoledo.edu or check the appointments tab for availability (please make note of if the appointment is in-person or virtual when scheduling if you prefer a particular format, please send her an email).
- Shannon McCune, Administrative Assistant, is available in-person during business hours Monday through Friday.

Reminders/Announcements

- PILA Fellowship: Toledo Law and the Public Interest Law Association welcome contributions to the Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund. This fund supports summer fellowships that provide stipends for Toledo Law students working in public interest legal organizations across the country. Click here to donate!
- Summer Externship Application Due to Kimberly Blausey at <u>Kimberly.Blausey@utoledo.edu</u> by 5 p.m. on Friday, February

18th. Application forms can be found here. Submissions must include a TYPED application along with a resume, statements of goals and priors, unofficial transcript, and TYPED conflict of interest form. NOTE: All externship placements are tentative and depend on the ability of our externship partners to host externs in light of COVID-19.

- Spring 2022 start students: Make sure to book an appointment via TLCN with either Laura or Katie to talk about your career path and review your resume and cover letter.
 - Deadline to meet with Laura or Katie is February 18th- appointments must be made 48 hours in advance - don't delay!
 - Resumes and cover letters must be attached to the appointment at the time of booking, and must be in a Word document.
- **Federal Work Study** Spring Applications are live. Submit your application here. Summer applications will be available late March.
- MPRE Reminders/Announcements:
 - Price increase: Starting in 2022, the cost of the MPRE will increase to \$150 from \$135. Applicants will notice the increase when registration for 2022 opens in December 2021.
- **NCBE** price increase: Effective July 1, 2022, the investigative services fee will be \$275 for law students (currently \$250).

Professional Development Program

Purpose of the Professional Development Program

The College of Law designed the Professional Development Program to help you build your professional identity and network throughout your legal education career. Each year you will be required to complete certain mandatory activities. Additionally, throughout law school you will be required to attend networking and skills events, complete pro bono awareness tasks, and participate in career exploration activities. Inside your designated reporting cycle folder will include the activity categories and numbers of activities required for each reporting cycle. The Professional Development Program is a floor, not a ceiling; OPD encourages you participate in as many of the activities as your schedule allows.

How it works

Reporting cycles are based on the number of credits you have earned at the end of the semester. For example, you must have completed all activities listed in the "0 –

30 Credits Reporting Cycle" between the time you start law school and the semester in which you earned your 30th credit. For the "31 - 60 Credit Reporting Cycle" complete all activities listed between the semester you earned your 31st credit and your 60th credit. And for the "61+ Credits Reporting Cycle" between the semester you earned your 61st credit and the semester that you graduate. For some students, cycles may overlap. You may begin working on the next reporting cycle once you've completed the last one if your semester bridges the reporting cycle. I.e. you start a semester with 27 credits and end it with 42 credits, you can finish the 0-30 reporting cycle, then start working on the 31-60 reporting cycle activities.

<u>Mandatory Activities</u>: Mandatory activities include class level specific programming required by the Office of Professional Development. These meetings will be announced in the OPD newsletter, emails sent by OPD staff, and/or on TLCN. Activities may be web-based or in-person if safety standards allow. Additionally, many of these activities require pre- or post-work such as updating application documents or certify completion of an on-demand video.

<u>Networking and Skills Events:</u> These events are often sponsored or co-sponsored by the Office of Professional Development, Alumni Affairs, or a Bar Association. They are designed to help you build your networking skills. Events can take place virtually or in person (when allowed).

<u>Professional Exploration</u>: Professional exploration tasks will aid in determining your professional identity and long-term career path. Exploring the profession can be done on a large scale, by attending an in-person or virtual legal conference, for example. Or on a smaller scale, such as a one-on-one informational interview. It is your responsibility to find outside events related to your areas of interest, set up informational interviews, or arrange observation of a legal proceeding. OPD is happy to help in your search.

Pro Bono Awareness Tasks: Ohio, along with many other states, encourages pro bono work as part of a lawyer's professional duties to the public and justice system. Therefore, these tasks are not only a resume builder, but they will help kick-start a commitment to your professional duty as lawyers. The Ohio Supreme court states in the Preamble to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct: "...[A]II lawyers should devote professional time and resources and use civic influence to ensure equal access to our system of justice for those who because of economic or social barrier cannot afford or secure legal counsel." It is your responsibility to find pro bono clinics and volunteer to help, or find an attorney to work with or shadow. OPD is happy to help in your search but will not be responsible

for placement in these opportunities. OPD may advertise pro bono projects and other opportunities via the newsletter or emails. Students in the 0-30 credit reporting cycle are not required to complete a Pro Bono Awareness Task. Students in the 31-60, or 61+ reporting cycle may report participation in one of the listed legal clinics.

Professional Development Program - Approved Activities

Alumni Mock Interview Program:

The alumni mock interview program is now available for students to sign up! Click here_ to "apply" (don't forget to submit your resume!). After you apply, you will receive a second email from TLCN letting you know when you've been approved to select the time of your interview. From there, select a mock interview that is at a time that works with your schedule. Please pay attention to whether the mock interview will be virtual or in person.

Completing a mock interview is approved as a PDP Networking and Skills activity - Mock Interview. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

In-Person Government & Public Interest Forum Tuesday, Feb. 15 4:30-6 p.m. SLK

Connect with employers from various government agencies and public interest organizations, to learn more about opportunities for students. Many employers will be collecting resumes at this event and holding interviews in February for summer positions. This event is how most students found their government and public interest jobs last summer.

Dress code: Suit.

<u>Registration required on TLCN</u>. Registration is closed. This is a reminder for the event.

Attendance at this event is approved as Networking and Skills - Attend
Government and Public Interest Forum for the Professional Development Program.
Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

Wood County Bar Association Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 17

5:00-9:00 pm

Carranor Hunt and Polo Club

The Wood County Bar Association is having a Spring Dinner on Thursday, February 17th Carranor Hunt and Polo Club from 5-9 pm. Drinks at 5, and dinner will start at 6 pm. This will be a good opportunity for students to hear what is going on in Wood County and network with current practitioners and judges. If interested, please contact Autumn Adams at Autumn@AAdamsLaw.com to RSVP.

Attendance at this event is approved as Networking and Skills - Attend a Bar Association Networking Event. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

Family and Juvenile Law Panel - Ohio CASA

Tuesday, Feb. 22 12:00- 12:45 via Zoom

Join the Family and Juvenile Law Society as they host Ohio CASA in a presentation about adoption and juvenile law.

To join:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85681431546?pwd=ZlN0dkhoYitoUUt0dmkwa3hpd09pZz09

Meeting ID: 856 8143 1546

Passcode: 911740

Attendance at this event is approved as Professional Exploration - Additional Approved Program. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

A Legal Career in the Private Sector

Wednesday, Feb. 23 11:50 am -12:50 pm McQuade Law Auditorium

Please join the Business Law Society as we host Jennifer Jaffee who will discuss the various legal careers in the private sector. Mrs. Jaffee has personal experience in a large "Big Law" law firm and small/regional law firm, as In-House Counsel at a publicly traded company and In-House Counsel at a private company, and her current non-legal position at a private company.

Attendance at this event is approved as Professional Exploration - Additional Approved Program. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

Know Your Rights - A Local Perspective on the Housing Crisis

Sunday, February 27 1-2:30 pm McQuade Law Auditorium

Join SBA and NLG in learning about the history of the Toledo Fair Housing Center. They will be showing a short documentary created by Sena Friedman at the Fair Housing Center called Zipcode Matterss, followed by a panel discussion.

Attendance at this event is approved as Networking and Skills - Additional Approved Program. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

Pro Bono Clinics:

The Toledo Bar Association offers the clinics below twice a month. Please contact Maggie Humphrey, Pro Bono Director, at mhumphrey@toledobar.org to schedule a time to volunteer at these Pro Bono Clinics. TBA has just launched an updated volunteer page - check out opportunities here to learn more prior to calling Maggie.

 Juvenile Clinic- You will assist individuals who are filling out court documents in Juvenile Court to file pro se. This clinic is held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Lucas Co Juvenile Court from 11:00-1:00.

*The Juvenile Clinic was put on hold by the Court for the months of January and February due to rising COVID numbers. We are planning to return in March, but this is contingent on the Court re-opening to the public.

- 2. **Pro Se Divorce Clinic** This is an opportunity for you to observe a volunteer attorney assisting folks who are filing for divorce pro se. This clinic is normally held twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 at the Law Library (905 Jackson St.).
- 3. <u>VA Brief Advice Clinic</u>- law students will be paired with an attorney to observe providing brief advice on a variety of legal topics. This clinic is held on the first Thursday of the month at the Toledo VA (1200 S. Detroit) from 8:30-11:00.

You can sign up for any of the above clinics at this link: Pro Bono Clinic Sign Up

*Attending any TBA clinic counts as a Pro Bono Awareness activity – Volunteer at a Bar Sponsored Pro Bono Clinic. Please remember to self-report your attendance after the clinic.

To find additional Pro bono opportunities, explore these resources:

Toledo Bar Association — Pro Bono Legal Services Program

Wolverine Bar Association – <u>Pro Bono Council Committee</u>

Ohio Access to Justice Foundation – <u>Pro Bono Opportunities Guide</u>

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association – Pro Bono Programs

Dayton Bar Association – Pro Bono Legal Services

Misc. Ohio resources

Misc. Michigan resources

PDP Deadlines:

- 0-30 Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes of the semester in which you earn your 30th credit hour.
- 31-60 Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes of the semester in which you earn your 60th credit hour.
- 61+ Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes before you graduate.

Diversity Fellowships and Minority Clerkships

AALDEF 2022 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, and community education. For more information about AALDEF, please visit our website at www.aaldef.org.

AALDEF attorneys work in the following program areas:

- Immigrant Justice Project legal services, potential litigation, advocacy, and
 organizing/outreach with communities affected by post- 9/11 immigration and law
 enforcement policies. An additional emphasis on Asian communities' access to
 representation and education about immigration policies and practices that may
 impact them, including deferred action policies for undocumented youth and
 nonimmigrant and immigrant humanitarian visa status for other immigrants,
 unconstitutional DHS stops, and collaboration between state/local law
 enforcement and federal immigration enforcement. **Law students ONLY**
- Voting Rights legal research and writing, community outreach, and fact
 development under the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause challenging
 anti-Asian voter discrimination in voter suppression measures, redistricting,
 language access, and other areas. Produce legal memoranda, briefs, and reports.
 Law students and undergraduates with census/demography/GIS skills

AALDEF also engages in communications to support the work of its legal team:

Communications - monitoring news and social media for coverage of Asian
 American issues, updating and maintaining media contacts, identifying and
 developing relationships with new outlets, developing communications materials
 in Asian languages, designing graphics and/or producing videos. **Graduate and
 undergraduate students with communications, journalism, or creative media
 skills**

Description of Summer Internship Program: The summer program is ten weeks, from May 31 through August 5, 2022. Interns work remotely full-time and are supervised by attorneys in specific program areas. Depending on what work needs to be done in each of the program areas, interns will work on litigation, legal and policy advocacy, community outreach and education, or client intakes; each program area differs in emphasis. Summer interns attend weekly brown bag lectures on a range of public interest legal topics along with interns from other legal defense funds and civil rights groups. The position is unpaid. However, in previous years many AALDEF interns have been successful at securing independent funding. Academic credit can be arranged.

To Apply:

- Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to be
 received by AALDEF on or before Friday, February 18, 2022 at the address below.
 Please indicate in your cover letter the preferred program area(s). Only law
 students qualify for AALDEF's legal internships. Applications may be emailed to:
 info@aaldef.org with Subject Line: Summer Internship Search.
- Any bilingual ability should be stated in the application. Bilingual ability is helpful but not required. Chinese (Mandarin or Cantonese), Bangla, Gujarati, Hindi, Khmer, Korean, Urdu, and Vietnamese-speaking skills are a plus.
- Applications will be reviewed upon receipt until the February 18, 2022 deadline.
 Interviewing will take place on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible, as decisions are made on a rolling basis. Only applicants with interviews will be notified of their advancement in the application process.

For more information, contact: info@aaldef.org.

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Programs, Scholarships, and Contests

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JCPENNEY ROCKET SUIT IS BACK!

Participants will be able to shop online or in-store throughout the semester, using their JCPenney Rocket Suit Up discount coupon. Career Services is excited to offer both an in event and a virtual opportunity to SUIT UP.

IN-PERSON EVENT

February 20, 2021

JCPenney @ Franklin Park Mall

4 P.M. - 7 P.M.

VIRTUAL EVENT

February 20 - February 28

WWW.JCPENNEY.COM/M/SUIT-UP

Online or at any JCPenney locatio

During this event, UToledo students, alumni, faculty, and staff will be able to purchase everything they need to finish their look for that nex or job- including suits, dresses, sports coats, dress pants, shoes, and accessories at an additional 30% off!

All UToledo students, alumni, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend.

To learn more, click here.

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11th Annual OSBA Environmental Law

CALL FOR PAPERS

Environment I Energy I Resources

The Ohio State Bar Association Environmental Law Committee is seeking papers that advance the application and practice of environmental, energy or resources law in the State of Ohio. The winner of this contest will receive the "OSBA Environmental Law Award" and a prize of \$1000, sponsored by Thompson Hine LLP. The runner up will receive \$250.

Winners will be announced at the Annual OSBA Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar in Spring 2022 and will be published in the seminar materials.



Submission Deadline: February 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Please see the attached Submission Guidelines for details.

For additional information, please contact Joel D. Eagle, Esq. of Thompson Hine LLP at 216-566-5938 or Joel.Eagle@ThompsonHine.com

Ohio State Bar Association Environmental Law Award: Call for Papers Submission Guidelines

Topic: Any topic that advances the application and practice of environmental, energy or resources law in the State of Ohio.

Eligibility: You are eligible to enter the OSBA Environmental Law Award: Call for Papers if you are currently enrolled in law school. The submission must be the student's original, unpublished and uncopyrighted work. The paper may be prepared to satisfy a course requirement or for other academic credit. However, the paper must be the work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. Only one paper may be submitted per entrant. Joint submissions are not permitted.

Prize: The winner of this contest will receive a prize of \$1000 donated by Thompson Hine LLP. The second place winner will receive a prize of \$250.

Submissions: Submissions may be of any length up to a maximum of 50 pages, in a double spaced, 8.5x11-inch page format with 12 point font (10 point for footnotes). All entries must be submitted electronically to joel.eagle@thompsonhine.com. You will receive a confirmation by email. The subject line should be "Response to Call for OSBA Environmental Law Papers" and the paper and cover page should be separate attachments.

Each submission should include a <u>SEPARATE COVER PAGE</u> with the entrant's name, law school, year of study, mailing and email address, and phone number. The contestant's name and other identifying markings, such as school name, may <u>not</u> appear on any copy of the submitted essay. The cover page should also include an abstract of not more than 250 words and certification that the article has not been published or is not slated to be published elsewhere. This certification grants Thompson Hine LLP and the OSBA the non-exclusive license to publication.

Submissions must be received by 5 pm EST on February 24, 2022.

A random number will be assigned to each entry and record of this number on all copies of each essay submitted. Neither the contestant's identity nor his/her academic institution will be known to the selection committee.

Selection: Submitted articles will be judged on the following criteria: relevance to the practice of environmental law in Ohio, timeliness and importance of selected topic; organization; quality of legal analysis; quality of legal research; and quality of the overall writing. In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker will be the score for relevance to the practice of law in Ohio. The winning paper is expected to be of law review quality or better.



Do you intend to return to Alaska after law school?

We have scholarships available for you.

Deadline to apply is March 1.

AlaskaBar.org/Scholarships or contact info@alaskabar.org

Alaskans helping Alaskans

ALASKA BAR ASSOCIATION



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www.americanbar.org/groups/affordable housing.html

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2022 Affordable Housing & Community Development Law Student Legal Writing Competition

Official Rules

Description:

This writing competition ("Competition") is sponsored by the **Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law** ("Forum") of the American Bar
Association ("ABA"), 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654 (the "Sponsor").

The goal of the competition is to encourage law students to become involved in the Forum. It is also intended to attract students to the affordable housing, community development or pro bono practice fields, and to encourage scholarship in these fields. Each entrant must follow the rules of the competition detailed herein.

Eligibility:

Open to all law students who are at the time of entry, (a) enrolled in a law school that is at the time of entry, ABA Accredited, (b) member of the ABA and the Forum, (c) at least 21 years old, and (d) U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. Employees of the ABA, its respective affiliates, and immediate family or household members of such employees are not eligible for the Competition.

Topic:

Entries should address any legal issue regarding affordable housing, fair housing and/or community development law.

For complete rules, please see the attached PDF. All entries must be submitted by email to Professor Anita Singh Lemar at anika.lemar@yale.edu no later than 11:59pm, CST, March 4, 2022.



USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program

Costs associated with law school may derail accomplished and highly motivated students from applying to law school or completing their Juris Doctor. Recent studies show that one out of ten minority law students had to abandon a lifetime dream of becoming a lawyer and the legal field lost 10% of its potential diverse talent pool.

The USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program was created as part of the organization's commitment to helping diverse law students who are in need of financial assistance achieve their academic and professional dreams.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must be a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority, or demonstrate a commitment to issues of diversity within their community.

The USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program will award \$5,000 to up to 5-10 students selected by our scholarship selection committee. Applications may be submitted starting February 1, 2022 with a deadline for applications by April 1, 2022.

Law School Diversity Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or any individual who demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career.
- Recipient is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident currently attending an accredited law school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by a minimum 3.0 GPA at an accredited law school i
 currently enrolled or a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the recipent's undergraduate years.

To apply, please see the attached application.

LAW STUDENT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AND APPLICATION

As part of our commitment to diversity, Michigan Auto Law is pleased to sponsor an annual Scholarship Program to provide financial support to students who contribute to the diversity of the law school student body as they pursue their legal career.

Our annual scholarship is \$2,000.

Eligibility and Selection criteria includes:

- The scholarship program is open to students currently in their first or second year of law school as well as students entering law school in the fall of 2022
- Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career
- Recipient is a U.S. citizen accepted to or currently attending an accredited law school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by an undergraduate cumulative minimum 3.0 GPA

Application Requirements – Application Deadline: June 1, 2022

The Michigan Auto Law Scholarship Program is a competitive process. Applicants must submit the following items:

- A completed application
- If entering law school in the fall of 2022, a copy of your acceptance letter to law school
- A typed essay no more than three pages long describing your efforts to encourage greater racial or ethnic diversity within the student body of your law school and/or undergraduate program

The winner of the 2022 scholarship will be announced in August of 2022

To apply, please click here.

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What Does Justice Mean to You – Law School Scholarship Contest

As <u>criminal defense attorneys</u> in Ohio, we believe in checks and balances found within the judicial system. We are proud to present our latest scholarship contest exclusively for law school students. We want to hear from you!

**Due to the large volume of submissions that we typically receive, we request that you do not contact the firm asking about your submission for the scholarship contest. We will review every submission and the winner will be notified by email.

Essay Overview

Understanding the justice system, why it is important for democracy, and how we can teach others the importance of our judicial system.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted into an ABA accredited law school in the United States as of the fall 2021 semester.
- Applicants must submit their essay and other required information by Monday, August 1st, 2022.

Essay Criteria:

Please upload the following information:

- First / Last Name
- Email address
- Phone Number
- Transcript or proof of enrollment to your law school
- Copy of your essay submission (.doc, .docx, .pdf)

Award Amount:

One student will be selected via email and be awarded \$1,500 to put towards their law school education.

 \$1,500 dollars to one (1) person to put towards their law school tuition

FAQ:

What is the deadline for submission?

o Applications must be received no later than August 1st, 2022.

When will the winner be selected and notified?

 The winner will be selected and notified by no later than Monday, August 15th, 2022.

To apply, click here.#

Jobs of the Week

Please click on the Job Title to see the posting with more details in TLCN.

Job Title	Employer Name
Office of Public Info Summer 2022 Legal Intern	Supreme Court of Ohio
Law Clerk (Summer 2022) - 1Ls, 2Ls	Reminger Co., L.P.A.

Summer Law Clerk	Ohio State Legal Services Associati
1L Intern Program (summer 2022)	U.S. Army JAG Corps
Summer Associate	Bush Seyferth PLLC
Law Clerk - 3Ls	Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, P.L
Future Latino Leaders Summer Law Institute Counselor	Hispanic National Bar Association
Environmental Legal Intern	FreshWater Accountability Project
Remote Law Clerk	Ward Law Office LLC
Summer Law Clerk	Michigan Advocacy Program
Volunteer Summer Internship	Legal Aid of Broward County
2022 Summer Law Clerk Program	Wood County Common Pleas Cour
<u>Intern</u>	Fund that Flip
2022 NAACP Kellogg's Summer Law Fellow Program	NAACP Office of the General Coun:
Law Clerk/Associate Attorney	Cory, Meredith, Witter & Smith
Summer Internship 2022	Southern Poverty Law Center
Law Clerk	Johnson & Associates
Student volunteer- summer 2022	National Labor Relations Board
Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellowship	Ohio State Bar Foundation
Intellectual Property Intern	Howard & Howard
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