



COLLEGE OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

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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 drop-ins 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

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- **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. The campaign ends February 28th - click [here](#) to donate today!
 - The **LaValley Law Library** is hiring - The position for the Circulation Desk includes checking in and checking out library materials, and OhioLINK. For complete job description and to apply, click here: <https://utoledo.joinhandshake.com/login> with job ID ##6022160. Deadline to apply is March 4th by 11:55 p.m.
 - **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.

Mandatory Activities: 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.

Networking and Skills Events: 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).

Professional Exploration: 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]ll 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 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.

Online Panel: Faculty Speaker Series - Supreme Court Update Tuesday, February 22 11:50 am - 12:50 pm via Zoom

Join Professors Jessica Knouse, Joseph Slater and Evan Zoldan as they discuss NFIB v. OSHA and the Vaccine-or-Test Mandate.

To join:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89814341000?pwd=RGpMUGJPeHdmWWNURTJtbkxLNCTHdz09>

Meeting ID: 898 1434 1000

Passcode: 174581

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

Family and Juvenile Law Panel - Ohio CASA
Tuesday, February 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=ZIN0dkhoYitoUUt0dmkwa3hpd09pZz09>

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, February 23
11:50 am -12:50 pm
McQuade Law Auditorium

Please join 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 Matters, 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.

The Benefits of Small-Town Practice

Wednesday, March 2

11:45-12:45 pm

LC 1013

Registration is required on [TLCN](#)

Are you interested in expanding your post-graduate employment options? Would you like to learn more about the benefits of practicing law in a smaller community and how to tap into these opportunities? Join us for an informative session about small-town practice and hear from attorneys who have built successful practices within those communities. You will also have the opportunity to connect with the practitioners listed below:

Hon. Jeff Robinson '77, Fulton County Common Pleas Court

Chris Dreyer '07, Law Office of Chris Dreyer

Stephen Maloney '14, Barber, Kaper, Stamm, McWatters, Whitlock & Maloney, LLP

Tennille Newton '05, Newton Harmon & Rohrs, LTD

Katherine Rakes, Newcomer Shaffer Spangler Breininger

Nathan VanDenBerghe '18, VanDenBerghe Law, LLC

This event is approved as a Networking and Skills - Practice Area Panels sponsored by OPD

Insight into a Creative Area of Law

Tuesday, March 15

11:50 - 12:50 pm

LC 1002

Please join Business Law Society as we host Dean Barros who will discuss a few financing structures which a young business lawyer may like to know. Dean Barros has prior experience litigating matters of this sort and will provide explanations regarding the topics of sale leaseback, mezzanine financing, project finance, and securitization, specifically.

This event is approved as a PDP Professional Exploration Activity – Additional Approved Program.

Pro Bono Awareness:

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.

1. **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.
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. **VA Brief Advice Clinic**- 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 – [Pro Bono Council Committee](#)

Ohio Access to Justice Foundation – [Pro Bono Opportunities Guide](#)

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.

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- 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.
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Diversity Fellowships and Minority Clerkships

Toledo Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program - Information Session

**Monday, February 28
12:00-1:00 p.m
LC 1002**

The TBA sponsors a Minority Clerkship Program in which minority law school students will have the opportunity to work as a summer associate in a local law firm, corporate legal department, court or public sector position. The program is open to law students at the University of Toledo and law students with connections to the Toledo area but attend law school out of the area. The program provides invaluable work experience and mentoring.

Please join Cara Wall, Chair of the Toledo Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program, at noon on Monday, February 28th in room 1002. She will be providing information and answering questions regarding the program.

**The Minority Clerkship Program is for this upcoming summer and is not applicable to Spring 2022 graduates.*

Islamic Scholarship Fund

Congressional Policy Fellowship

The ISF Congressional Policy Fellowship is a highly selective, nonpartisan program devoted to promoting and encouraging diversity and inclusion on Capitol Hill. Through a 9 month fellowship, fellows will gain real-world experience working on legislative and public policy issues. Fellows of this program will not only have access to Congressional members and staff within the halls of power, they will have the opportunity to work as a full-time staffer for 9 months conducting tasks such as policy research, meeting with special interest groups, drafting bills/speeches, and preparing the member for hearings, etc. Upon arrival in D.C., participants will attend a one-day preparatory orientation. Typically fellows will work 40-45 hours a week and will be expected to participate in all ISF-sponsored activities including professional development events. As participants will be representing ISF, they should work to meet ISF's work performance and ethics.

Eligibility:

- Muslim;
- Graduated with an undergraduate or graduate degree from an accredited university;
- A U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the United States or a DACA recipient

For more information, or to apply, click [here](#).

Programs, Scholarships, and Contests



11th Annual OSBA Environmental Law

CALL FOR PAPERS

Environment | Energy | 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 SEPARATE COVER PAGE 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 **not** 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.

ATTENTION ALASKANS IN LAW SCHOOL

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
Michael Hopkins Chair
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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 recipient'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](#).



THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL

is pleased to announce the

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS

- SUBJECT:** Any topic in the field of employee benefits law.
- OPEN TO:** Any J.D. and graduate (L.L.M. or S.J.D.) law students enrolled at any time between August 15, 2021, and August 15, 2022, who have not at any time engaged in the practice of law.
- SUBMIT BY:** June 1, 2022
- UP TO TWO AWARDS:**
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| Alvin D. Lurie Memorial Award | \$1,800 |
| Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award | \$1,800 |

Please see attached document for more information.

Gounaris Abboud Scholarship Contest



What Does Justice Mean to You – Law School Scholarship Contest

As [criminal defense attorneys](#) 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?

- 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 |
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| Summer Associate | Bush Seyferth PLLC |
| Law Clerk - 3Ls | Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, |
| Future Latino Leaders Summer Law Institute Counselor | Hispanic National Bar Associatic |
| Environmental Legal Intern | FreshWater Accountability Proj |
| Remote Law Clerk | Ward Law Office LLC |
| Congressional Policy Fellowship | Islamic Scholarship Fund |

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| Summer Law Clerk | Michigan Advocacy Program |
| Volunteer Summer Internship | Legal Aid of Broward County |
| Summer 2022 Law Internship | Rutgers Immigrant Rights Clinic |
| 2022 Summer Law Clerk Program | Wood County Common Pleas Cour |
| Intern | 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 |
| Law Clerk | Cory, Meredith, Witter & Smith |
| Student Trainee (Legal Intern) | Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora |
| Law Clerk | Semro Henry & Barga |
| 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 |
| Law Clerk | Collins & Blaha |



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