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Professional Development Program

MAY 8, 2020 - The last day to submit PDP activities on the “2019-2020 Professional Development Program (PDP)” Blackboard course. All students starting in the Fall of 2019, or after, who completed their 30th, 60th, or 89th credit hour this semester are required to have completed and reported their PDP activities by Friday, May 8, 2020 at 5:00pm. If you have questions about the requirement or reporting, reach out to OPD as soon as possible.

See Professional Development opportunities below for information on how to complete "Networking and Skills" and "Professional Exploration" activities virtually. Monitor emails

for additional PDP updates as they become available.

Professional Development Program

Student Instructions

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 class folder will include the activity categories and numbers of activities required for each class year. This 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:

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 and/or via emails sent by OPD staff. Some activities may be “on-demand” or web-based. Additionally, these activities will likely require pre- or post-work such as filling out a professional identity assessment or updating your application documents.

Networking and Skills Events: These are events sponsored, or co-sponsored by OPD, and generally involve participation by Toledo Law alumni or friends of the law school. OPD staff will publicize notice of events that qualify under this category in the OPD newsletter and/or by email.

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.

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 a 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.

Tracking: This webcourse should be used tracking your completed activities. You are responsible for reporting the activities that you completed. The Office of Professional Development will track attendance at all mandatory *in-person* activities. Note, if you complete a mandatory activity on-demand, you are responsible for tracking it in the “2019-2020 Professional Development Program (PDP)” webcourse.

Turn-in: You are required to report each Networking and Skills, Pro Bono Awareness, and Professional Exploration activity by end of the semester in which you complete the number of credits for each class level. This is your “reporting period.” Reporting is done via the “2019-2020 Professional Development Program (PDP)” webcourse, and should be done in the appropriate drop-box or questionnaire for each activity.

For example, if you are a full-time 1L student who started in August 2019 and completed 30 hours by the end of Spring 2020, you would report your 1L activities by the end of the Spring 2020 semester for the “1L reporting period.” If you are a part-time 1L student who started in August 2019 and completed 30 hours by the end of Spring 2021, you would report your activities by the end of the Spring 2021 semester.

2-year JD students will only complete the first and second reporting periods.

Contact OPD@utoledo.edu with questions about the Professional Development Program (PDP).

For the checklist of activities, log into Blackboard > "2019-2020 Professional Development Program (PDP)" and click on the appropriate folder for your reporting period under "Content."

OPD Appointments

The OPD staff is available for virtual appointments. Email [Laura](#) or [Katie](#) to schedule an appointment.

Professional Development Activities

Activities below count towards your Professional Development Program (PDP) Activities. If you have any questions, or would like an activity advertised here and count towards your PDP, please contact Katie Schuyler at kate.schuyler@utoledo.edu. Remember to report your completed activities on the Blackboard Course under your reporting period folder.

Please reach out to OPD if you have questions, suggestions, or need help finding an activity that fits within your schedule.

1L Class Meeting

There are 1Ls who have not yet completed this requirement - please do so as soon as possible!

Watch the Virtual 1L Spring Class Meeting and complete the two steps required by **Friday, May 8th at 5pm.**

To find the virtual class meeting, Log into Blackboard > “2019-2020 Professional Development Program (PDP)” Course > Content > “1L Tracking (0 - 30 Credits)” > “Spring 2020 1L Class Meeting.” Completion of the video is required for the Professional Development Program.

Follow the steps listed in video to confirm you have watched the video by the deadline.

Networking and Skills Activities

Watching one of the following lectures counts as a "Networking and Skills Activity - Additional Approved Programs" for all class levels.

- Finding Friendship in Contentious Places:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mdGxaIVDfJI>
- Keith Whittington "Why We Should Value Campus Free Speech":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czLasoPenW8>
- Asifa Quraishi-Landes "Islamic Family Law in the United States" :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P7yh-sHq7k>
- Saikrishna Prakash "Executive Power in the Age of Trump":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZcYxg1DdBg>
- Kurt Lash "A Troubled Birth of Freedom":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQHv2Nuy160>

- David Harris "A Conversation on Policing and Race in Post-Ferguson America": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWEcEz_dhP4&list=PLIDWipg-hEM3r4jApkCjJFOnq1od-Q700

**When recording one of these activities on Blackboard, please be sure to note the lecture name and the date on which you watched it.

Professional Exploration

Completing one of the following activities counts as a "Professional Exploration" activity for all class levels.

- 2019 Court of Appeals:
<http://lawms.utoledo.edu/Mediasite/Play/68cd9d45164b45a8a060fd0033a44c8a1d> (Use UTAD credentials to login)
- Conduct a telephonic informational interview
- Attend a committee hearing by phone
- Watch Ohio Supreme Court Recorded Arguments:
<http://www.ohiochannel.org/collections/supreme-court-of-ohio>

**When recording that you watched either a Court of Appeals or Ohio Supreme Court oral argument on Blackboard, please be sure to note the case name and number that you watched, and the date on which you watched it. If you attend a committee hearing, please note the name of the committee. If conducting an informational interview, please record who you spoke with and what area of law you discussed.

Legal Programs, Scholarships, and Contests

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Professional Development has made changes for Spring 2020 Commendation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For students graduating in Spring 2020, completing 25+ hours of unpaid law-related public service work will earn the Spring 2020 Commendation.

Students not graduating in Spring 2020, and who worked less than 30 hours, can combine their spring hours with unpaid law-related public service work in summer-fall 2020 to earn the Fall 2020 Public Interest Commendation. All eligible students who completed 30 hours or more of unpaid law-related public service work in the spring may still earn the Spring 2020 Commendation. Students who need to combine spring -summer-fall 2020 hours should still submit their spring time reports as soon as possible for tracking.

Shumaker Diversity Scholarship

Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion among our attorneys and other professionals, and believe that including attorneys and staff members from diverse backgrounds is a critically important element in providing quality legal services to our clients and a productive working environment for our team members. In furtherance of our efforts to recruit, retain and promote attorneys who contribute to the diversity of our firm, we are pleased to offer the Shumaker Diversity Scholarship. The Shumaker Diversity Scholarship is one example of how we seek candidates who demonstrate personal and professional excellence, and who bring diverse life experiences to our team.

The Shumaker Diversity Scholarship provides, in Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP's discretion, a \$7,500.00 scholarship to one (1) or two (2) outstanding first or second year law students who are enrolled at an ABA accredited law school and who participate in the firm's summer associate program, to assist in offsetting his or her law school expenses. The scholarship is in addition to the salary paid to the student for his or her Summer Associate position.

The Shumaker Diversity Scholarship is available to students who are members of underrepresented or minority groups. Applicants must have outstanding undergraduate and law school academic credentials, and demonstrated leadership abilities and community involvement. Applicants must also demonstrate a commitment to practice law after graduating from law school in the geographic area of one of our firm's offices.

Eligibility for the Shumaker Diversity Scholarship requires that the recipient participate in and complete the firm's summer associate program following his or her first or second year of law school, for a minimum of eight weeks. Shumaker will select the office in which the student will work, but will attempt to place the student in the office location of his or her choice. The scholarship will be paid upon the student's completion of the firm's summer associate program.

Students who are interested in applying for the Shumaker Diversity Scholarship must submit the following documents:

1. A completed application form, together with a current law school transcript.
2. A current resume, including a description of the applicant's academic and leadership skills, community involvement, and personal and professional accomplishments.
3. A legal writing sample.
4. Optional: Letters of recommendation from three academic or professional references or their contact information.

Applications should be sent via email to: wsmartin@shumaker.com.

Application for Shumaker Diversity Scholarship

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Law School: _____

Law School Graduation Date: _____

I have applied for or requested an on-campus interview for a 2020 Summer Associate position at one of Shumaker's offices. Yes No

Preferred Shumaker office:
 Charlotte Charleston Columbus Sarasota Tampa Toledo

Please include the following attachments to this Application form, prior to submission:

1. Current law school transcript.
2. Current resume, including a description of the applicant's academic and leadership skill, community involvement, and personal and professional accomplishments.
3. A description of why the student believes that diversity is important and how his or her identified diverse background(s) would contribute to that philosophy.
4. Legal writing sample.
5. Letters of recommendation from three academic or professional references.

This completed Application form should be submitted as follows:

- 2Ls: the deadline to submit application materials is August 14, 2020
- 1Ls: the deadline to submit application materials is February 21, 2020

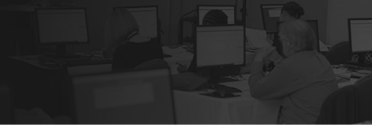
Please submit all required attachments to Wendy Martin at wsmartin@shumaker.com.

Shumaker reserves the right to extend the deadlines or offer the scholarship prior to any deadlines.

Please see the posting in TLCN for the application materials.

[Relativity](#), an industry leader in legaltech, today announced that it is now accepting submissions for its 2020 Relativity Fest Student Scholarship. Now in its fifth year, the academic scholarship awards forward-thinking students with the opportunity to make an impact in the legal technology space and network with industry professionals, better positioning them for a hiring market that values legal technology competency.

RELATIVITY FEST STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



We're offering twenty students a full Relativity Fest scholarship, including registration, transportation, and accommodations. Law school and paralegal students, or recent graduates, can enter by May 14th, 2020 for the opportunity to immerse themselves in three

Application Requirements

To apply, students must:

- Read and agree to terms and conditions, and submit this form.

Your application must be submitted no later than May 14th, 2020. In our commitment to preserve the environment, we are only accepting electronic applications.

Scholarship Award

Relativity will select the scholarship winners and award the scholarships by June 5th, 2020. The scholarship covers transportation, lodging, Relativity Fest registration, and a \$100 stipend for incidentals. All meals during the conference are included.

Eligibility

All students who meet the eligible criteria are encouraged to apply. Candidates need to be:

- Currently enrolled in, or have graduated in 2019 or 2020 from an ABA-approved law school or paralegal program.
- Be 21 or over on September 19th, 2020
- Be able to attend Relativity Fest September 20-23, 2020

The submission deadline is May 14th, 2020.

To apply,

visit: <https://rf20.smarteventscloud.com/survey/displaySurvey.do?surveyID=15375>

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation 27th Annual Brown Award

1177 West Loop South, Tenth Floor
Houston, Texas 77027

JANUARY 31, 2020

RULES FOR THE 2020 BROWN AWARD OF \$10,000 FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEGAL WRITING

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the twenty-seventh annual Brown Award. The Award honors excellence in legal writing in American law schools. Any law student currently enrolled in an accredited law school in the United States seeking a J.D. or LL.B degree is eligible to submit a paper for the Award. The amounts awarded for 2020 will be as follows:

**\$10,000 First Place,
\$5,000 Second Place,
\$3,000 Third Place,
\$1,000 Finalist,
\$1,000 Finalist, and**

**\$5,000 to the Scholarship Fund selected by the Dean of
the law school in which the First Place candidate is enrolled.**

In order to be considered, **two** copies of a **current** legal writing must be submitted to the Foundation c/o Kenneth G. Engerrand, Brown Sims, P.C., Tenth Floor, 1177 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027-9007. The article must be accompanied by a **letter of recommendation from a law school faculty member or legal professional other than the author of the paper**. Only one paper may be submitted on behalf of any student, and only one paper may be sponsored by any faculty member or legal professional. The submission must be postmarked no later than May 29, 2020. The submission must contain a **separate sheet** containing the title of the paper; the name, physical address, telephone number, and email address of the student; and the name, title, physical address, and email address of the student's sponsor. There is no page limitation or restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject. Papers that have been submitted to a law review for publication are eligible, but the submission must be of the paper in its form before it was edited by anyone other than the author.

The Foundation will appoint a final judging panel consisting of a law school dean, a federal judge, and a law school professor. The Foundation will not return any material submitted to the Foundation. The 2020 recipient of the Brown Award will be notified by December 4, 2020, and listed with the other finalists at the website www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/.

For more information, visit: <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>



**NEW YORK STATE
BAR ASSOCIATION**



Alternative Dispute Resolution Law Student Writing Competition National Championship

\$10,000 PRIZE

Sponsored by the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and the American College of Civil Trial Mediators (ACCTM).

The purpose of this competition is to heighten interest in, and competence related to, student writing on the subject of Alternate Dispute Resolution. Aside from the \$10,000 cash grand prize, and \$1,000 prize for best NY paper, winning entries may be published in NYSBA's New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer publication and/or the American Journal of Mediation. Papers initially prepared for class, journals, etc. are eligible for submission.

Details: There aren't strict page count guidelines, however 15-30 pages, double-spaced is recommended.

Email papers to:
nysbaacctmjournalcontest@gmail.com
(any questions and inquiries can be sent here as well.)

Submission Deadline:
June 1, 2020



"It's an incredible feeling to be recognized for all of the hard work and time put into my article. Throughout the entire process, I learned so much about dispute resolution and myself, including my desire to become a mediator one day. What an incredible opportunity!"

— Marsha Levinson,
Santa Clara Law School
2019 National Champion

"I hope this competition encourages other law students to pursue research and writing in the field of ADR, an area of law that is ever-evolving and can certainly benefit from new ideas."

— Rachel Schwartzman,
Cardozo Law School
2019 Award for Best NY Paper

Please contact kate.schuyler@utoledo.edu for more information.

James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution

Share this:



Sponsored by The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution in memory of **James B. Boskey**, an intellectual, humanitarian, Seton Hall University law professor, and mediator. Professor Boskey became known and beloved world-over for his publication of *The Alternative Newsletter*, a resource guide on ADR published quarterly. It was in its tenth year when Professor Boskey died in 1999. The publication provided a comprehensive yet very accessible window into the diverse dimensions of the ADR field. In many respects, Professor Boskey-through the alternative newsletter-was the voice of the ADR community.

Purpose of the Boskey ADR Writing Competition

The purpose of the competition is to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among law students.

The essay may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. Essays must be limited to 15-30 typewritten pages, including footnotes or endnotes. The text of the essay must be double-spaced, with twelve-point font and one inch margins.

First Prize: \$1000 to the Competition winner and posting of the winning essay and runner-up online.

Submission deadline is Friday, June 12, 2020. Please contact OPD for the full list of rules.



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR –
The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and
American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law
Annual Law Student Writing Competition for 2020

The ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law and The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers are pleased to announce their 2020 writing competition. This competition is open to articles written while the author is an active student at an accredited law school in the United States. Authors may not have graduated from law school prior to December 1, 2019. Graduate students in law school (LLM candidates) are not eligible.

Prizes are as follows: First Place: \$3000; Second Place: \$1000, and Third Place: \$500. The first-place winning article may be selected for publication in the **ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law**. In addition, the author of the first-place paper will be a guest at the ABA Annual Section of Labor and Employment Law Conference and honored at the Annual Induction Dinner of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. The College and the Section reserve the right not to select any article for publication or award any prizes if, in their judgment, the submissions do not meet their standards for outstanding legal writing.

Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDT) on June 15, 2020.

For complete rules, please

visit: https://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/images/pdfs/AME_COL_W_RITING_COMPETITION_ANNOUNCMET_AND_RULES_2020.pdf

The Warren E. Burger Prize

Burger Prize Purpose

The American Inns of Court Warren E. Burger Prize is a writing competition designed to promote scholarship in the areas of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence.

Burger Prize Overview

The American Inns of Court invites judges, lawyers, professors, students, scholars, and other authors to participate in the competition. Please submit an original, unpublished, essay of 10,000 to 20,000 words on a topic of your choice addressing issues of professionalism, ethics, civility, and excellence.

Burger Prize Judges

- **Dean Robert M. Wilcox**, *Chair*
Dean and Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina School of Law
- **Professor Nora Freeman Engstrom**
Deane F. Johnson Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at the Stanford Law School
- **Professor Nancy J. Moore**
Nancy Barton Scholar and Professor of Law at the Boston University School of Law
- **Dean W. Bradley Wendel**
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at the Cornell School of Law

Prize

- The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$5,000
- The essay will be published in the *South Carolina Law Review*
- The prize will be presented to the recipient at the American Inns of Court annual Celebration of Excellence at the Supreme Court of the United States

Burger Prize Procedures

- Review and follow the Warren E. Burger Prize Rules
- Complete the Warren E. Burger Cover Page before submitting your essay
- Send the completed cover page and essay no later than July 1 by [e-mail](#) to Cindy Dennis

For additional information, contact Cindy Dennis at (571) 319-4703 or by [e-mail](#).

The winning essay will be announced on or before August 31.

For more information, visit: <http://home.innsforcourt.org/burgerprize>



RECORDGONE

**Higbee & Associates and the Foundation for Continuing Justice
2019-2020 Student Writing Competition**

The Foundation for Continuing Justice and the Law Firm of Higbee & Associates are pleased to announce the third Criminal Record Policy Essay Competition and Scholarship for law students. This inaugural competition will award cash prizes. The competition is intended to expand the awareness of consequences of criminal records and the laws that govern their retention, dissemination and expungement, as well as to encourage research into the ways to improve related laws.

TOPICS (Choose One):

- How to improve expungement related laws in (state of your choice)
- When, if ever, should government stop reporting criminal records to the public?
- What affects do criminal records have on former offenders ability to re-assimilate?



GUIDELINES:

The essay should be between 2,000 and 5,000 words in length. The essay must be original content that has not been previously published. Essays must be submitted in compliance with the terms set forth at:

www.recordgone.com/competition

**H&A LAW STUDENT
WRITING COMPETITION**

PRIZES:

<p>Scholarships For The Winning Essays Are As Follows: First Place: \$2,000.00 Second Place: \$1,000.00 Third Place: \$300.00 Honorable Mention: \$200.00</p>	<p>Submission Deadline: All Essays Are Due By September 30, 2019 The Winners Will Be Announced On October 15, 2019 Before October 31, 2020</p>
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Winning essays will be posted on the sponsor's web site and credit will be given to the author. By submitting an essay you are granting the sponsors permission to post the essay on their web sites and social media channels.

ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

- Entrants must 18 years of age or older and enrolled in a Juris Doctor program in the United States.
- Only one essay submission per law student.
- All entrants will be notified of the results on or before October 31, 2020. Winners will be sent a check via US Mail before November 15, 2020.
- The awarded funds are to be used to pay for law school-related expenses. As a condition of receiving the award, the winner agrees to submit a completed W-9. Winner is responsible for all taxes associated with receiving the award.

Please visit us to submit your essay online or to learn more about the contest:

www.recordgone.com/competition

The Foundation for Continuing Justice (FFCJ) is a privately funded, non-profit law firm dedicated to providing a path forward for individuals with a criminal record, the opportunity to re-enter and reintegrate into society as productive individuals. Higbee & Associates provides criminal record expungement and sealing services to more than 19,000 clients through RecordGone.com

For more information, visit: <https://www.recordgone.com/law-student-expungement-competition-3rd-annual.htm>

Jobs of the Week

Below are a few select job postings for students. For the full posting and to view other positions go to [TLCN](#) Apply as soon as possible!

In addition to the jobs listed on TLCN, below, there is an opportunity for law students to provide pro bono support on legal cases related to COVID-19. This could be a great resume builder, potential networking tool, and a way to fill in any employment gaps that may occur this summer. If you are interested, please look at the following two links:

<https://twitter.com/alittleleader/status/1240413940049461248>

<https://abaforlawstudents.com/2020/03/19/law-students-paralegals-offer-pro-bono-covid-19-legal-support/>

Job Title	Employer Name
Tax and Accounting Legal Intern	Brenda A. Ray Law Offices
Law Clerk	Rolfes Henry
Legal Internship (Spring, Summer and Fall)	White House, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Extern	Federal Public Defender
Summer Associate and Diversity Scholarship (2Ls)	Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

[2021 Summer Honors Law Clerk Program](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
of General Counsel

[2021 Justice for All Fellow](#)

Ohio Access to Justice Foundation



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