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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 https://www.heather.karns@utoledo.edu
- Laura Dettinger, Director, is unavailable for appointments until late January. Please contact Katie if you'd like 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 <u>Kate.Schuyler@utoledo.edu</u> 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

- 2L/3L/4L Students: Are you in need of a suit? Would you like a chance to be awarded \$250 to use to assist with the purchase of a suit and related accessories? Click here to apply for the Jane McQuade Interview Suit Stipend! Applications due by January 31st.
- Federal Work Study Spring Applications are live. Submit your application here.
- MPRE Reminders/Announcements:
 - NCBE will offer a limited number of international site testing opportunities to take the MPRE in March 2022 for candidates who are unable to travel to the United States. These will be offered at authorized international and other Pearson VUE Professional Centers between March 28 and April 1, 2022. The request form will open on January 11, 2022. This program has limited seating availability, and decisions will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. For the best chance of approval, we recommend that candidates submit their requests by January 17, 2022. Absolutely no new requests will be accepted after the March 2022 registration deadline of January 21, 2022. Requests can be submitted beginning January 11 by logging in to your NCBE Account and selecting International MPRE Request Form. Additional information, including a list of participating locations, will be available in NCBE Accounts beginning December 7. Note: at this time, NCBE does not plan to offer international testing for MPRE test dates after March 2022. We will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and related travel restrictions.
 - Register by January 21st if you are planning on taking the March 23rd or 24th test administration
 - 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 31st credit and your 60th credit. And for the "61+ Credits Reporting Cycle" 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 31st credit and your 60th credit. And for the "61+ Credits Reporting Cycle" between the semester you canned your 31st credit and your 60th credit. And for the "61+ Credits Reporting Cycle" between the semester you canned your 31st 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.

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).

<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.

<u>Pro Bono Awareness Tasks</u>: 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

Virtual Government & Public Interest Forum Tuesday, Jan. 25 4:30-6 p.m.

OPD will hold a virtual Government & Public Interest Forum. Employers from various regional government agencies and organizations and public interest organizations will be in attendance to talk about their organizations, and opportunities for students. Students are expected to dress in professional attire and have cameras on. Employers in attendance: Michigan Advocacy Program, US Dept. of Labor, Federal Trade Commission, Indiana Department of Child Services, Community Legal Aid of Akron, and NLRB, Region 7 in Detroit. Students interested in talking with any of these employers must email <u>Katie Schuyler</u> by **Monday, Jan. 17** to let her know which employers you are interested in.

Attendance at this event is approved as Networking and Skills - Attend Government and Public Interest Forum for the Professional Development Program.

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> by **noon, Friday, Feb.** 11.

Attendance at this event is approved as Networking and Skills - Attend Government and Public Interest Forum for the Professional Development Program.

Veteran Legal Clinic - DUE TO COVID, THE VA CLINIC HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED. We will let you know when it resumes.

The Toledo Bar Association offers the clinics below twice a month. Please contact Maggie Humphrey, Pro Bono Director, at <u>mhumphrey@toledobar.org</u> to schedule a time to volunteer at these Pro Bono Clinics.

Juvenile Court Clinic

This clinic is now by appointment only. Please call <u>419-724-0460</u> or <u>888-534-1432</u> to schedule a time to attend. Volunteers assist pro se litigants with proper preparation of complaints and motions for Juvenile Court matters.

Divorce Clinic

Every other Friday. This clinic is now by appointment only. Please call <u>419-724-0460</u> or <u>888-534-1432</u> to schedule a time to attend. Qualifying clients without real estate or minor children of the marriage can attend a do-it-yourself divorce workshop.

*Participating in the Juvenile Court Clinic or the Divorce 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:

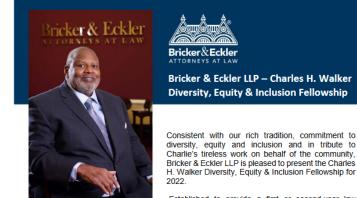
Toledo Bar Association <u>Pro Bono Legal Services Program</u> Wolverine Bar Association <u>Pro Bono Council Committee</u> Ohio Access to Justice Foundation <u>Pro Bono Opportunities Guide</u> Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association <u>Pro Bono Programs</u> Dayton Bar Association <u>Pro Bono Legal Services</u> <u>Misc. Ohio resources</u> <u>Misc. Michigan resources</u>

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





Established to provide a first or second-year law student with a valuable employment experience early in their legal career, this Fellowship will be awarded to a candidate who: demonstrates leadership skills, academic strength, service to the community, an overall commitment to excellence and who has exhibited a meaningful commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

We proudly dedicate this Fellowship in memory of our partner and trusted friend Charles H. Walker, whose career and service to our community exemplified a strong commitment to both the legal profession and Bricker's tradition of diversity, equity and inclusion. Throughout his career, he served as a recruiter and mentor to our younger attorneys and helped guide Bricker & Eckler's diversity, equity and inclusion commitment.

Students who are currently in their first or second year at an ABA-approved law school and who are presently authorized to work for the Firm under U.S. immigration laws, are eligible to be considered. One Fellowship in the form of a \$10,000 cash award towards law school tuition and other law school related expenses will be awarded. In addition, the Fellowship recipient will receive a paid summer associate position for the summer of 2022.

To be considered, eligible candidates should forward their résumé with a cover letter describing their commitment to DEI to the attention of Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Dr. Rhonda Talford Knight, at belonging@bricker.com. <u>All résumés must be</u> submitted/received by February 1, 2022. We hope to make the final selection by April 1, 2022.

All inquiries related to the **Bricker & Eckler LLP – 2022 Charles H. Walker Diversity,** Equity & Inclusion Fellowship should be directed to Jason Stuckey, Partner, at jstuckey@bricker.com.



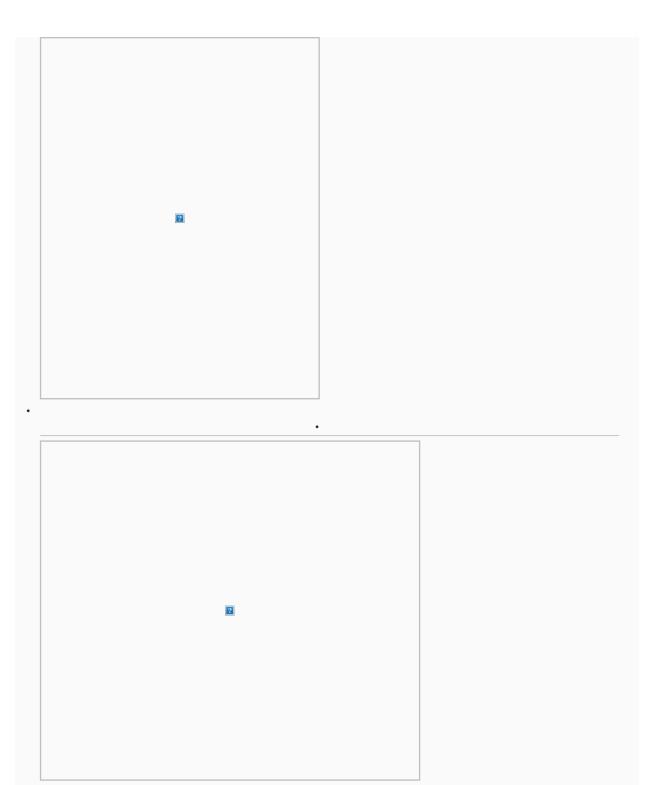
Legal Programs, Scholarships, and Contests

Summer Opportunities Information Session Wednesday, Jan. 19 Noon Room 1002

Are you wondering how to get legal experience this summer? Hear about externships, work study, public service commendation, and public service fellowship opportunities. Professor Maara Fink from the clinic, Katie Schuyler from OPD, and Bridget Beattie-Smith from Financial Aid will be there to present and answer your questions regarding various programs. <u>Registration required on TLCN</u>.







• 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.



• 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.

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Our annual scholarship is \$2,000.

Eligibility and Selection criteria includes:

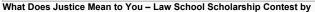
- The scholarship program is open to students currently in their first or second year of law school as well as students entering law school in the fall of 2022
- Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career
- 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.



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.

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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?

 $_{\odot}\,$ 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	Application Due Date
Law Student Intern	Office of the Ohio Public Defender	1/17/2022
2022 Hon. Roy W. King Diversity Clerkship Program	Rochester Black Bar Association	1/17/2022
2022 Experiential Internship	AbbVie	1/21/2022
	Commission on Security and Cooperation	
Max Kampleman Fellowship Program	in Europe	1/25/2022
Legal Internship	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	1/28/2022
	Greater Dayton Area Diversity & Inclusion	
2022 Summer Diversity Clerkship Program	Legal Roundtable	1/28/2022
2022 Summer Associate Program	Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	1/30/2022
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Diversity Fellow	McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.	1/31/2022
Law Clerk Program	Texas Attorney General	1/31/2022
Law Clerk - 1Ls (Cincinnati and Hamilton offices)	Legal Aid of Greater Cincinnati	1/31/2022
2022-2022 Diversity in Leadership Fellowship	Law and Leadership Institute	2/1/2022
2022-2023 Diversity in Leadership Fellowship	Law and Leadership Institute	2/1/2022
2022 Charles H. Walker Diversity, Equity and Inclusion		
<u>Fellowship</u>	Brickler & Eckler LLP	2/1/2022
Summer Law Clerk	US Environmental Protection Agency	2/4/2022
Minority Clerkship Program	Floyd Skinner Bar Association	2/7/2022
1L Summer Associate	Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter	2/7/2022

Summer 2022 Law Clerk	The Gualt Center	2/9/2022
Law Clerk (Summer 2022) - 1Ls, 2Ls	Reminger Co., L.P.A.	2/16/2022
Summer Associate	Bush Seyferth PLLC	2/21/2022
Law Clerk - 3Ls	Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, P.L.C.	2/28/2022
Future Latino Leaders Summer Law Institute Counselor	Hispanic National Bar Association	2/28/2022
Environmental Legal Intern	FreshWater Accountability Project	2/28/2022
Summer Law Clerk	Michigan Advocacy Program	3/3/2022
Law Clerk	Johnson & Associates	3/31/2022
Intellectual Property Intern	Howard & Howard	4/15/2022



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