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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 still some students who have no completed this – please do so ASAP!

Watch the Virtual 1L Spring Class Meeting and complete the two steps required by **Friday, April 10th 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.

Job Fairs

If you register for a job fair, please contact [Katie](#) to let us know so we can forward any job fair updates. As of today, all job fairs are continuing as planned. Please note registration deadlines as they are unlikely to change.

ATTENTION:

MINORITY LAW STUDENTS IN THE CLASSES OF 2021 AND 2022

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN

The Cook County Bar Association's 37th ANNUAL MINORITY LAW STUDENT JOB FAIR

WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 (SAVE THE DATE)
WHERE: Embassy Suites Chicago – Downtown/Lakefront
511 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611

ANTICIPATED STATES REPRESENTED BY EMPLOYER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Washington D.C., and Wisconsin

ANTICIPATED EMPLOYER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: Large, Medium, and Small Law Firms, Corporations, and Government Agencies

ANTICIPATED NUMBER OF EMPLOYER PARTICIPANTS: 80

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR
CAREER SERVICES DIRECTOR.

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S

Heartland | Diversity

H D L J F

Legal Job Fair

JULY 24th & 25th

LOCATION

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
2300 Main Street, Suite 100
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Who May Register

All 2L (graduating in 2022) and 3L (graduating in 2021) Law Students and 2020 Law Grads who consider themselves diverse are invited to participate regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status or disability.

How to Register

To register for the event, please visit <https://law-kcmba-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Registration deadline is June 12, 2020. There is no fee for students to register.

Early Bird Registration

Early bird registration deadline is May 15, 2020. All registrations received on or before May 15 will receive an extra entry for one of our door prizes. The drawing will take place at Saturday's Keynote Luncheon. You must be present to win.

Hotel Registration

The Job Fair will be held at Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. The Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair will have a limited number of hotel rooms on Friday, July 24th at an area hotel reserved for students who reside more than 50 miles from Kansas City. Rooms will be \$50, and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Room arrangements must be made through HDLJF and not directly with the hotel. If you are interested in reserving a room, please contact Kim Elrod at kelrod@kcmba.org or by calling (816) 474-4322. Once all rooms are reserved, normal hotel rates will apply.

Location

KCMB Headquarters
2300 Main Street, Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64108

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 24, 2020

KCMB Headquarters
4:00-7:00pm Student Registration
4:30-5:30pm Diversity Panel
5:30-7:00pm Welcome Reception

Saturday, July 25, 2020

KCMB Headquarters
7:30am Employer/Student Registration
7:30-8:30am Employer Room Setup
8:30-12:00pm Employer Interviews
12:00-1:30pm Keynote Luncheon
1:40-4:30pm Employer Interviews

IMPORTANT DATES

MAR
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Student Registration opens

MAY
15

Early Bird Registration Deadline

JUN
12

Student Registration Deadline

JUN
17-26

Student Bidding

JUL
6

Hotel Room Reservation Deadline

JUL
16

Cancellation Deadline

JUL
24-25

HDLJF

More information can be found at: <http://heartlanddiversity.org>

DIVERSITY JOB FAIR 2020

INDIANAPOLIS BAR ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 10-11, 2020 HILTON INDIANAPOLIS



► **STUDENT REGISTRATION OPENS FEB. 28!**
*Career Services Directors and Deans of Student Affairs,
Please share this information with your students.*

Have Questions?
Contact Deneen Fitzgerald
at dfitzgerald@indybar.org

Mark your calendars, Help your students get set for success And go to the 2020 IndyBar Diversity Job Fair!

The 13th annual Indianapolis Bar Association Diversity Job Fair has a strong history of success. More than 700 students from 31 states and 86 law schools across the nation have interviewed over the last 13 years.

Over the course of 24 hours, there will be:

- Numerous networking opportunities available for students through a reception, interviews and a luncheon.
- More than 25 firm, government, court and corporate legal employers conducting hundreds of interviews.
- A workshop to help interviewing students prepare for success.

ABOUT THE DIVERSITY JOB FAIR

We seek candidates who represent all aspects of diversity and who are looking for a one-of-a-kind legal community in a Midwestern city that has both cosmopolitan style and small-town charm. We invite fall 2020, full-time 2L law students (graduating May 2022) or part-time 2L and 3L law students (graduating December 2022/May 2023) to participate in the fair.

STUDENT REGISTRATION OPENS FEB. 28!

Following registration, students will be provided with automatically-generated passwords that will allow them to use the system throughout the next few months. This link and password will be different than those used by the students for OCI at each law school.

The student registration deadline is June 15, 2020. Only students who have registered, bid and obtain interviews can participate in Diversity Job Fair events.

Have questions? Contact Deneen Fitzgerald at dfitzgerald@indybar.org

For more information, [click here!](#)

For more information,
visit: <https://www.indybar.org/index.cfm?pg=DiversityJobFair-HomePage>

Legal Programs, Scholarships, and Contests

PILA FELLOWSHIP

The Public Interest Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of Public Interest Summer Fellowships for students working as volunteers or for nominal pay in the public sector. For purposes of this fellowship, a public interest position includes working for a non-profit organization providing services to underrepresented clients, groups or interests, or working for a government entity. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

To apply, and for complete details about this Fellowship, please visit <https://www.utoledo.edu/law/career-services/pifellowships.html>

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 Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP	SHUMAKER Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP
<h3 data-bbox="365 764 786 800">Shumaker Diversity Scholarship</h3> <p data-bbox="347 806 807 919">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.</p> <p data-bbox="347 930 807 1003">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.</p> <p data-bbox="347 1014 807 1087">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.</p> <p data-bbox="347 1098 807 1171">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.</p> <p data-bbox="347 1182 807 1213">Students who are interested in applying for the Shumaker Diversity Scholarship must submit the following documents:</p> <ol data-bbox="365 1224 807 1308" style="list-style-type: none">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. <p data-bbox="347 1318 656 1339">Applications should be sent via email to: wsmartin@shumaker.com.</p>	<h3 data-bbox="987 764 1393 835">Application for Shumaker Diversity Scholarship</h3> <p data-bbox="959 856 1369 877">Applicant's Name: _____</p> <p data-bbox="959 888 1369 909">Applicant's Address: _____</p> <p data-bbox="959 930 1369 951">_____</p> <p data-bbox="959 961 1369 982">Law School: _____</p> <p data-bbox="959 993 1369 1014">Law School Graduation Date: _____</p> <p data-bbox="959 1024 1393 1056">I have applied for or requested an on-campus interview for a 2020 Summer Associate position at one of Shumaker's offices: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p data-bbox="959 1077 1344 1108">Preferred Shumaker office: <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte <input type="checkbox"/> Charleston <input type="checkbox"/> Columbus <input type="checkbox"/> Sarasota <input type="checkbox"/> Tampa <input type="checkbox"/> Toledo</p> <hr/> <p data-bbox="959 1140 1369 1161">Please include the following attachments to this Application form, prior to submission:</p> <ol data-bbox="976 1161 1393 1276" style="list-style-type: none">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. <hr/> <p data-bbox="959 1287 1312 1339">This completed Application form should be submitted as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2Ls: the deadline to submit application materials is August 14, 2020• 1Ls: the deadline to submit application materials is February 21, 2020</p> <p data-bbox="959 1350 1352 1381">Please submit all required attachments to Wendy Martin at wsmartin@shumaker.com. <small>Shumaker reserves the right to extend the deadlines or offer the scholarship prior to any deadlines.</small></p>

Please see the posting in TLCN for the application materials.

Ohio State Bar Association Corporate Counsel - Call for Papers

The Topic for the 2020 Papers:

No recent corporate governance issue has raised a higher level of concern and reaction than the issue of directors' and officers' duties of loyalty in this modern era. The Business Roundtable's ("BRT") most recent Statement of Policy has precipitated thought provoking discussion and examination including this Call for Papers and Competition among Ohio's law students. The ESG acronym (environmental, social and governance) inherent in the BRT's statement and its place in Ohio corporate law is the focus for the papers to be submitted. Ohio's present statutory constituency law as well as the corporate law of other jurisdictions can be analyzed as the submitting authors wish using their original ideas for reconciling what may be a long-lasting jurisprudential tug-of-war.

Prizes:

The cash prizes for the competition has been established as follows:

First Place: \$2,500;
Second Place: \$1,500;
Third Place: \$1,000 and
Fourth Place: \$500

Funding for the Competition is sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association Corporate Counsel Section—an energized community of over 1,700 lawyers representing

Articles must be submitted online at www.judgify.me/CorpCounsel2020. If you have any concerns, contact Jennifer Harrell, Assistant Director of Committees and Sections, jharrell@ohiobar.org, using the subject line "OSBA Corporate Counsel Section Writing Competition and Call for Papers," and postmarked or electronically delivery verified by midnight on **April 17, 2020**.



NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL SMITH-DOHENY LEGAL ETHICS WRITING COMPETITION

Call for Papers

- ▶ Notre Dame Law School sponsors an annual writing competition on the topic of legal ethics.
 - ▶ All students with an interest in legal ethics are invited and encouraged to participate.
- The competition is open to all law students at U.S. and Canadian law schools.
- Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics.
- Entries must be original, unpublished work.
- Entries must not exceed 50 pages, including notes, on 8.5 x 11 paper, double space, and standard font.
- Coauthored essays may be submitted.
- Submissions will be judged by a panel of faculty of the Notre Dame Law School.
- A prize of \$2,500 will be awarded for one winning entry.
- All entries must be received before 5 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2020.
- Please include cover letter with contact information and name of current law school.
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All entries should be submitted to:

Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition
Notre Dame Law School
P.O. Box 780
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556
(574) 631-6749
Fax: (574) 631-8612
Email: sumption.1@nd.edu
Website: law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

For more information, visit: law.nd.edu/smith-doheny

Mike Eidson Scholarship

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) promotes justice and fairness for injured persons, safeguards victims' rights—particularly the right to trial by jury—and strengthens the civil justice system through education and disclosure of information critical to public health and safety. AAJ fights daily to protect the civil justice system against corporations and powerful individuals.

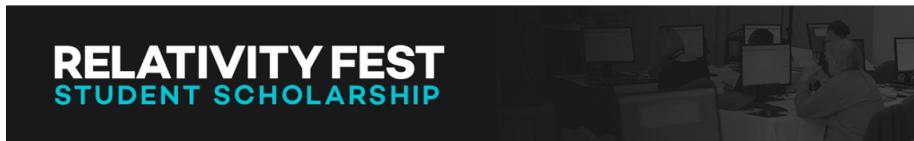
The Mike Eidson Scholarship Fund was established by the AAJ Women for Justice Education Fund in 2008, in honor of AAJ past President Mike Eidson, whose vision and generosity inspired it. The scholarship, traditionally in the amount of \$5,000, is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiff lawyer or criminal defense lawyer and a dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized.

In order to be awarded this scholarship, you must be present at our Annual Convention on (July 11-14, 2020) in Washington, D.C. Your travel and accommodations will be paid for as part of the award.

If you would like to be considered for this scholarship, or wish to nominate someone for this scholarship, complete this form and return to AAJ by mail at: AAJ Membership Department, Mike Eidson Scholarship, 777 6th Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, or by email membership@justice.org by May 1, 2020.

For more information, or to find the application form, please visit:
<https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarships/scholarships/mike>

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.



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 15th, 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-brownsims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2020 STEPHEN E. HERRMANN ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING AWARD

Posted on March 26, 2020 by JB Ruhl

The American College of Environmental Lawyers (“ACOEL”) announces its annual Stephen E. Herrmann Environmental Writing Award (“Herrmann Award”) for the 2019-20 academic year. Stephen E. Herrmann is a distinguished, nationally recognized environmental lawyer. For some forty years, Mr. Herrmann has been a leader in the area of environmental law as a practitioner, teacher, and writer. Through this award, the ACOEL honors his leadership in environmental law and his role in the formation of the ACOEL.

The ACOEL is a professional association of distinguished lawyers who practice in the field of environmental law. ACOEL Fellows come from the private bar, not for profit organizations, government, and law schools. Membership is by invitation. Fellows are recognized by their peers as preeminent in their field. The ACOEL is dedicated to maintaining and improving the ethical practice of environmental law, the administration of justice, and the development of environmental law at the state and federal levels.

Eligibility: Student-edited law journals or equivalent publications published by accredited U.S. law schools are eligible annually to nominate one student-authored article, note, case comment, or essay either (1) published by the submitting law journal during the current academic year, or (2) scheduled for publication in the next academic year. The article should be selected for its ability to promote understanding of legal issues in the broad field of environmental law, including natural resources law and/or environmental or resources aspects of energy law. The article must have only one author, and the author may be a candidate for the J.D., LL.M., or S.J.D. degree.

Award: The Herrmann Award is a stipend of \$3,500 to the author of the winning submission, whether an article, note, case comment, or essay, and \$500 to the submitting law journal. The winner of the Herrmann Award will be invited to discuss his or her submission to the Fellows at the ACOEL Annual Meeting, which in 2020 will be held October 1-3 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Judging Criteria: The prize will be awarded to the author of a student article, note, case comment, or essay either (1) published by the submitting law journal during the current academic year, or (2) scheduled for publication in the next academic year, that in the judgment of the ACOEL best presents a current topic within the broad field of environmental law. Submissions will be judged based on originality, quality of research, presentation and writing, and significance of contribution to the field of environmental law. Entries will be judged by the ACOEL Stephen E. Herrmann Award Committee.

Submission Schedule and Guidelines: Please email one electronic copy of a submission to the Stephen E. Herrmann Environmental Writing Award, ACOEL, using same as the email “Subject” line, to Professor J.B. Ruhl at jb.ruhl@vanderbilt.edu. Entries must be received no later than June 12, 2020. Please include with your entry: (1) a cover letter or e-mail message stating the name of the submitting law journal, (2) email address(es) of author (with post-graduation email address if applicable), (3) year of author’s graduation or anticipated graduation, and (4) a statement that the submission was not written as part of paid employment. If you have questions, please contact J.B. Ruhl by email referencing the same subject to ensure a prompt response.

James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution

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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_ANNOUNCMNT_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!

Job Title	Employer Name
Legal Internship	Park Place Technologies
Legal Intern	J.M. Smucker Company
Law Clerk	Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp C
Summer Law Clerk - Probate/Juvenile Court	Delaware County
Legal Intern	Bedrock
Foreclosure/Litigation Clerk Internship	Comerica Bank
Legal Intern	Jackson National
Summer Privacy and Technology Law Clerk	AlixPartners
Research Assistant	University of Toledo College of I
Legal Internship (Spring, Summer and Fall)	White House, Office of Science Technology Policy
Extern	Federal Public Defender

General Info

Join a bar association! Getting to know your local bar association and their members is a great way to network with attorneys. Some bar associations are even free for law students.

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[Ohio State Bar Association](#)

[Federal Bar Association](#)

[State Bar of Michigan](#)

[Toledo Bar Association](#) - Join the bar by filling out [this application](#)

[Toledo Women's Bar Association](#)

[Washtenaw County Bar Association](#)

Find archived newsletters [here](#)

PLEASE NOTE - MPRE Test Changes:

- The MPRE is no longer administered during a single two-hour period on Saturday. Instead, students will select one of several two-hour appointment times on one of the two weekday test dates. There will also be weekday administrations for the August and October MPRE administrations.
- The test will be administered on a computer at a Pearson VUE testing center. This is a new location compared to past administrations. Students will select a testing center when they schedule their test appointment.

- There is no late registration deadline. The earlier students register with NCBE and schedule their appointment with Pearson VUE, the more likely they will be to get an appointment with their desired location, date, and test time.
 - If students plan to test in March and will be seeking accommodations under the ADA, they should apply for accommodations as soon as possible to allow us time to review their application. Those applying for accommodations should check their NCBE File Cabinets frequently for updates on their accommodations applications.
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