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Professional Development Program



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."

Upcoming Programs

U.S. Air Force JAG Presentation

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - Room 1011, 11:50 - 12:50pm

Captain Keshat Lemberg will be on campus to do an information session about the U.S. Air Force JAG program from 11:50am - 12:50pm in room 1011.

RSVP on TLCN by Noon on Tuesday, September 24th for pizza.

This counts as a "Networking and Skills Event" for all class levels

Distinguished Alumnus George Wilson Talk

Thursday, October 3, 2019 - Room 1013, 11:50am - 12:50pm

Distinguished Alumnus George Wilson talks about his time in law school, career path, Trust and Estates, career lessons with Q&A to follow

RSVP on TLCN by 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 1st for a non-pizza lunch.

Attending this discussion counts as a Networking and Skills Event – “Practice Area Panel.” Remember to self-report this activity on the PDP blackboard course after the talk.

Bar Application Finger Printing

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - SLK Lounge 11:30am - 1:00pm and 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Finger Printing for Ohio Bar Applications. \$15 Cash or Check. Please have exact change if paying cash.

Fall Save the Dates

Save the Date for upcoming fall programming:

- Tuesday, October 29th - Practice Area Speed Networking Event. 5:30 - 7:30pm in SLK Lounge

RSVP POLICY

Please note The Office of Professional Development's RSVP Policy:

The Office of Professional Development will be following a strict RSVP policy for the 2019-2020 school year. Any programming put on by OPD that advertises that pizza or food will be provided, requires an RSVP by the date listed. OPD will only order food for those that RSVP by the deadline. This includes required programming, such as mandatory class meetings, specifically whether you are attending at 11:50am or 5:15pm.

Additionally, other programming such as networking events or events with alumni involvement, may list a required number of RSVPs by a certain deadline to go forward. If the number is not reached, the event may be canceled. Please RSVP to these events as soon as you know you will be able to attend.

RSVP early, often, and encourage your friends!

OPD Evening Hours

The OPD staff is available in the evenings by appointment only. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact us at opd@utoledo.edu or 419-530-2851.

Professional Development Program 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 Laura Dettinger at Laura.Dettinger@utoledo.edu. Remember to report your completed activities on the Blackboard Course under your reporting period folder.

Cannon Lecture Series: "Ferguson Five Years Later: A Look at the Legal & Social Reverberations in Ferguson and Around the Nation"

Thursday, September 26

Noon - 1 p.m. McQuade Law Auditorium

Attending the entire presentation counts as a "Networking and Skills Event" - Additional Approved Program for all class levels

Law Review Symposium: "Fighting Back: A Legal Framework for Defeating the Opioid Crisis"

Friday, October 11

8 a.m. McQuade Law Auditorium

Attending at least the morning session counts as a "Professional Exploration Activity" - Attending a legal Conference or CLE Course for 2Ls, and 3L/4Ls

Great Lakes Water Conference: "Lake Erie Bill of Rights, PFAS, Plus More"

Friday, November 8

8 a.m. McQuade Law Auditorium

Attending at least the morning session counts as a "Professional Exploration Activity" - Attending a legal Conference or CLE Course for 2Ls, and 3L/4Ls

Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Clinics

The Toledo Bar Association has many pro bono clinics coming up in the near future. You can register to volunteer [here](#). Once you register, email Michelle Tussing to let her know you are a student.

Note: If you sign up, you are committing to participate, if you can no longer participate for any reason, you must inform Michelle Tussing as soon as possible. Michelle's email is MTussing@toledobar.org

Participation in a Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono Clinic counts as a "Pro Bono Awareness" Task for 2Ls & 3Ls/4Ls

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Peggy Browning Fund



Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers

NATIONAL LAW STUDENTS WORKERS' RIGHTS CONFERENCE



When: October 18-19, 2019

Where: Maritime Conference Center
Linthicum Heights, MD

Friday: Pre-Conference Sessions
Networking Dinner
Evening Program

Saturday: Keynote Address/Peter Mitchell Labor Law Lecture:
Sharon Block, *Executive Director, Labor & Worklife Program*
Lecturer on Law
Harvard Law School
Morning & Afternoon Workshops
Plenary Session

Much More:

- Learn more about the vital issues facing American workers.
- Gain valuable insights into becoming an advocate for workers and their families.
- Supplement your labor law and workers' rights courses.
- Network with fellow law students, top labor attorneys, professors, nonprofit practitioners and government officials.

Registration Deadlines: August 26, 2019 if requesting support for airfare
October 1, 2019 for all others

Watch for details at www.peggybrowningfund.org

Questions? Email mmoffa@peggybrowningfund.org or call 267-273-7992



American Arbitration Association - ADR Summit for Diverse Law Students

The American Arbitration Association is launching a 1½-day ADR Summit for diverse law students to provide an in-depth understanding of what it really takes to become a successful arbitrator and/or mediator. Since 2009, the AAA A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Fellows Program has provided training, networking, and mentorship for up-and-coming diverse ADR practitioners—many of whom have advanced to appointment to the AAA Roster and have been selected to serve on cases.

Presenters will include experienced ADR professionals and litigators from various backgrounds who will outline a successful career path as an arbitrator or mediator and discuss how to avoid potential pitfalls along the way. Attendees will learn the importance of focusing on a specific industry, networking, connecting with mentors, gaining relevant experience, and building a good reputation in the field.

The program is open to diverse students. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,300 stipend to cover travel and hotel expenses to New York.

The event is Saturday, November 23 & Sunday, November 24

TO APPLY, please provide the following materials:

Statement of interest

One faculty or professional recommendation

An essay on the future of ADR (350-500 words)

Application Deadline: October 7, 2019

Send Applications to: Kron Vollmer at VollmerK@adr.org

Jobs of the Week

Below are a few select job postings for 2L and 3L/4L students. For the full posting and to view other positions go to [TLCN](#). Apply as soon as possible

Job Title

[Mediator \(Part Time\)](#)

Employer Name

Toledo Municipal Court

[Summer Clerk](#)

[Staff Attorney](#)

[2020 Summer Legal Internship/Externship Program](#)

[Local Office Attorney](#)

[Law Clerks - Summer 2020](#)

[The Bertha Justice Fellowship](#)

[Direct Appointment Program](#)

[MLB Diversity Fellowship Program](#)

[Law Clerk](#)

[Legal Intern](#)

[Summer 2020 Law Clerk](#)

[Law Clerk](#)

[2020-2022 Gault Fellowship](#)

[Diversity Fellowship Program](#)

[2020 Ella Baker Summer Internship Program](#)

[Legal Internship \(Spring, Summer and Fall\)](#)

[Extern](#)

Critchfield Critchfield & Johnston, Lt

Honigman LLP

U.S. Department of the Interior Office
Solicitor

Indiana Department of Child Service

Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

Center for Constitutional Rights

U.S. Air Force JAG

Major League Baseball

Allen Circuit Court

Wood County Public Defenders

National Juvenile Defender Center

Ward Law Office LLC

National Juvenile Defender Center

Bakerhostetler

Center for Constitutional Rights

White House, Office of Science and
Technology Policy

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.

[American Bar Association](#)

[Columbus Bar Association](#)

[Cleveland Bar Association](#)

[Detroit Bar Association](#)

[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](#)

Comprehensive Fellowship Guide – Now Available on PSJD

The 2017-2018 edition of the [Comprehensive Fellowship Guide](#) is now available online on PSJD. The Guide provides a portal to the database, which features over 300 fellowship opportunities. Because the Guide is available online, it will always reflect the most recent updates and is available to job seekers and career development offices 24/7. PSJD also provides tips on applying for [fellowships](#) as well as a [primer](#), including how to search by fellowship type, geographic location, or deadline. Many fellowship application deadlines are quickly approaching.

2018 AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee Directory of Members - Now Available in the OPD

This directory contains contact information about national and local union legal departments, as well as firms that practice union-side labor law. If you are interested in using this resource, stop by the OPD or e-mail opd@utoledo.edu.

Bar Exam Info

For links to state bar exam websites, [click here](#).

Ohio Bar Exam Info

[MORE ABOUT OHIO DEADLINES](#)

2019

- Oct. 25 Release of the results of the July 2019 bar examination
- Nov. 1 **Deadline:** Application to take the February 2020 bar examination
Note: The dates for the February 2020 bar examination are Feb. 25, 26, and 27
Admissions Ceremony for successful July examinees who have met all admission requirements
- Nov. TBD The Nov. TBD Bar Admissions ceremony will be recorded as a service for the newly admitted attorneys, their families and guests. The video will contain

coverage of the entire event, including all speakers and the presentation of wall certificates. This video can be viewed in the [Supreme Court video archive](#).

Nov. 15 **Deadline:** Timely [Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission](#) to the Practice of Law (for applicants in the second year of law school)

Dec. 10 **Deadline:** Late Application to take the February 2020 bar examination

IMPORTANT: Every applicant who intends to take the Ohio bar examination shall file with the Office of Bar Admissions of the Supreme Court an Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission to the Practice of Law by November 15 of the applicant's second year of law school. *(This means in your second year of law school, whether you are on the Full-Time or Part-Time track, no matter when you plan to graduate!)* [Click here for more details.](#)

Michigan Bar Exam Info

[MORE ABOUT MICHIGAN DEADLINES](#)

DEADLINES FOR OTHER STATES VARY, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE STATE IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO TAKE THE BAR EXAMINATION FOR MORE DETAILS.



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