

## Be Prepared for Your Interviews

The advice we give all students, no matter who they are interviewing with, is: get informed, be ready to engage in a conversation, ask lots of questions, show curiosity and, essentially, manage your interviews. You'd be amazed at how many lawyers don't know how to interview, so it is up to you to ensure the interview progresses smoothly. There is no such thing as being overly prepared for an interview. In addition to being ready to talk about yourself – your background, education and experience – you must also be ready to interview the interviewer.

Do your homework. Read as much literature on the employer as possible and on the people who will be interviewing you. Go to the employer's website and pay attention to the words they use to describe themselves. Read the "Careers" section of the employer's website, where they often describe the type of people they hire and the skills they seek. Also check out any press releases on the website, which will reveal recent cases the employer worked on and other news the employer deems important. Research the lawyers who will interview you. If you don't know who they are, call or email the person who arranged the interview and ask (nicely).

Speak with anyone who may know something about the employer -- Career Services, your professors, friends and Loyola alumni. Always check online resources such as employer websites, Lexis, Westlaw, and PSLawNet. Google the employer – it is always surprising what I learn about legal employers and people by doing a simple Google search.

Go to the interview ready to talk about yourself and ask questions about them – questions that show you are interested in the employer, have already researched them, and want to learn more. Avoid asking questions that can be answered with simple research or questions that are confrontational or too self-interested. Prepare a list of ten really good questions that are directly relevant to the employer and the work you will do for them if you get hired. If you don't know what questions to ask, schedule a quick mock interview with your career counselor – you will be so much better prepared for your interviews after a mock interview – they really are essential. If you go to your interviews informed about the employer, ready to talk about yourself, and ready to ask lots of questions, you and your interviewer will never be at a loss for words.

### Attention Students:

Don't forget to use your Career Services Handbook when creating a cover letter & resume or preparing for an interview! If you have questions that can't be answered by the handbook, set up an appointment with your career counselor **by calling 312-915-7160 or emailing [law-career@luc.edu](mailto:law-career@luc.edu)**

#### 1Ls: Who's My Counselor?

**Last Names A-D:**  
Maureen Kieffer

**Last Names E-K:**  
Jayne Schreiber

**Last Names L-R:**  
Greg Veza

**Last Names S-Z:**  
Marianne Deagle

### 1L/Alumni Speed Networking Event

All first year law students are invited to join Loyola Alumni for a speed networking event on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Pritzker Military Museum 104 S. Michigan Ave. (at Monroe St.)

Alumni from 20 different practice areas will be there to share Information about their practices and careers

### Interested in Intellectual Property Law?

Plan to attend an information session with John White of the Practising Law Institute, a non-profit continuing legal education organization that offers one of the largest patent bar review courses in the country

Monday, February 6th @ 12:00 p.m.  
Office of Career Services | Corboy Law Center

# Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date/Time
<b>Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference</b>	Northwestern University Law School	Saturday, February 4 Check in: 7:30—8:30 a.m.
<b>Patent Law Information Session with John White of Practising Law Institute</b>	Corboy Law Center Office of Career Services, Room 1301	Monday, February 6 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
<b>Intellectual Property Presentation: Attorneys from Nixon Peabody</b>	Corboy Law Center Room 1202	Tuesday, February 7 12:00 - 1:15 pm.
<b>Loyola Alums In Practice: Elder Law &amp; Guardianship Melissa Howlett '06</b>	Corboy Law Center Room 105	Wednesday, February 15 12:00—1:00 p.m.
<b>1L/Alumni Speed Networking Event</b>	Pritzker Military Library 104 S. Michigan	Wednesday, February 15 6:00—7:30 p.m.
<b>Practice Tracks (see page 3 of this newsletter for details)</b>	Chicago Bar Association 321 S. Plymouth Court	Thursday, February 16 5:00—6:30 p.m.
<b>Finding your Place An Intra-Loyola Career Exchange</b>	Corboy Law Center Kasbeer Hall, 15th Floor	Tuesday, February 21 12:00—2:00 p.m.
<b>Chuck Connor CEO of American Lung Association</b>	Corboy Law Center Room 1401	Tuesday, February 28 12:00—1:00 p.m.
<b>1L Tuesday: Interviewing Skills</b>	Corboy Law Center 1401	Tuesday March 13 12:00—1:00 p.m.

## Goodwin Procter Public Interest Fellowship for Diverse Law Students

Goodwin Procter is offering awards of \$7,500 to 3 diverse law students who work in public interest positions the summer after their first year of law school. In addition to the monetary fellowship award, selected fellows are guaranteed a “straight to callback” interview with the Goodwin Procter office of their choice in the fall interview season during their 2nd year of law school.

Please click on this link for additional information about the 2012 Goodwin Procter Public Interest Fellowships for Law Students of Color <http://www.goodwinprocter.com/Careers/Diversity/~/edia/6AF5702C55C476494242CF4C4513DF6.pdf>  
**Fellowship applications are due on February 24, but students are not required to have a public interest placement secured at the time of application.**

## Intra-Loyola Career Exchange

**In an effort to help support as many students as possible in creating career opportunities, the CSO is pleased announce this event on Tuesday, February 21.**

Meet with 2Ls and 3Ls who have worked in a variety of practice areas in public interest, litigation and transactional law. These students will host tables based on practice area and will be happy to speak about their employers, experiences and how they obtained their jobs. Also, learn to create a strategy for your job search, have your resume reviewed, and get tips on networking and interviewing. A finalized list of practice areas will be released closer to the day of the event.

**Tuesday, February 21st | 12-2 p.m.  
Corboy Law Center, Kasbeer Hall (15th Floor)**

## Loyola Patent Law Interview Program

**For 1L & 2L students interested in Patent Law:** Loyola runs a Patent Law Interview Program every summer that brings firms and other employers with a patent law practice to Chicago to interview students from across the country. This year’s program will be held on Thursday, August 2 and & Friday, August 3, 2012. **Registration for the program will begin on Monday, February 13 and end on Monday, March 5.** Current 1Ls will participate in this summer’s program as rising 2Ls, and current 2Ls will participate as rising 3Ls. For more information, check out our website at [http://www.luc.edu/law/career/patent\\_students.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/patent_students.html).

On February 13, a registration link will appear on this webpage so that you can register for the program online. Loyola will pay the \$35 registration fee for you, so it will not cost you anything to register—but you must register online by March 5. In April, you will receive a login and password to the Patent Symplicity system, where you will upload your resume and bid on employers. The employers will choose the students they wish to interview, and you will learn if you have been chosen for interviews in June. While you do not need to be patent bar eligible to register for the program and submit your resume, we find that the students who receive interviews and job offers through the program are usually students who are eligible to sit for the patent bar.

# Alumni Spotlight: Eunbin Rii '09

## Litigation Counsel, Attorney Registration Discipline Commission

### **Why did you attend law school and become a lawyer?**

Going to law school was a career change for me. I worked in technology for several years before going to law school. Working in I.T. was fine, but I wasn't satisfied. I wanted to be in a profession where I could advocate for people. Being a lawyer gave me the skills and the ability to do just that. I love the work I am currently doing and I wake up excited to get to work.

### **What do you wish you had paid more attention to as a student or new lawyer?**

I wish I took more classes in other areas of law. For example, I didn't take a family law course and several of my first cases involved family law. Also, I wish I had taken more classes that dealt with pre-trial litigation and civil procedure.

### **What professor/event/issue did you enjoy most in law school?**

I will always remember Prof. William's contracts and sales courses. His enthusiasm was infectious! Also, I enjoyed being in the Loyola Community Law Clinic. The clinic allowed me to interact with clients and use my classroom knowledge. Trial advocacy with Prof. Carey was an invaluable experience. If you are thinking about doing any litigation, you have to take trial advocacy.

### **What was the hardest thing to adjust to after graduating and beginning your career?**

The hardest thing to adjust to after graduating and beginning your career is actually beginning it. During my last year at law school, my wife got a great opportunity out-of-state, so we moved. I didn't know anyone in that state and it took me several months to find my first job. Networking was difficult. It was very discouraging at times, but my first job was awesome! After a couple of years, we moved back to Chicago, but I don't regret any of it. It's not easy to find a job right now, but don't ever second guess yourself. Don't give up and keep a positive attitude.

While you're searching for that first job, volunteer, join a committee with a bar association, go to court and watch trials, talk to your classmates, and don't let your mind go stale. Also, keep in touch in the career center, especially if you go out-of-state. They helped me find resources and get reciprocity with another law school.

### **Provide one piece of advice you have for law students and future lawyers?**

Treat everyone with respect and don't let anything or anybody undermine your integrity. Also, be genuine, be on-time, and always return your phone calls and letters.

### **What do you like most about practicing law?**

You can't practice law sitting back. There is always something new to learn. I am constantly challenged with interesting issues and people. Every facet of our life is affected by the law.

### **Talk about a case/project that had the biggest impact on you and your client?**

How important has networking been in your practice/career? I wouldn't be where I am today without the help of others. In law school, everyone talks about networking and how it's so important to landing a job. But, don't view networking as a means to an end. Networking is about meeting people and building relationships. Genuine relationships will help you land a job or gain clients. Also, don't be afraid to ask people for help or advice. You'll be surprised how willing people are to help.

### **What do you like the most and least about being a lawyer/your job?**

Working for the ARDC is great. I am surrounded by excellent litigators and an excellent support staff. Being a lawyer is a privilege and I am proud to help maintain the integrity of our profession.

## **Twin Cities Diversity in Practice Dinner Event**

Twin Cities Diversity in Practice invites diverse law students to attend a dinner they are hosting this month. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with attorneys who practice in the Twin Cities and to learn about private firms and corporations opportunities in the Twin Cities. To RSVP, visit: <http://www.diversityinpractice.org/index.asp?pageID=22>

February 22nd 6:00—8:00 p.m.  
Carnivale Restaurant 702 W. Fulton

## **Practice Tracks**

Still deciding what area of law you want to pursue after graduation? Overwhelmed or confused by your choices? Want to learn more about over 50 practice areas from practicing attorneys?

Come to Practice Tracks and meet practicing attorneys representing over 50 different practice areas!

**Thursday, February 16, 2012 | 5:00—6:30 p.m. | Chicago Bar Association | 321 S. Plymouth Court**