Applying Now for a Spring or Summer Internship.

Gaining real world experience by interning is a critical part of your law school career. Most legal employers often give first consideration to their interns and law clerks when hiring new attorneys. Nonprofits and federal agencies are accepting applications for both spring and summer programs now, and hire on a rolling basis, so do not wait until it is too late!

There are hundreds of internship opportunities in the public sector and they are very easy to find:

- University of Arizona’s Government Honors and Internship Handbook (http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm) is a guide to federal and state legal internship programs. (Contact the LCDO for login information.)
- www.PSLawNet.org offers a database of openings with nonprofits and federal agencies.
- The DOJ’s Volunteer Legal Intern Program (http://www.justice.gov/oarm/arm/int/legalinternq.htm) has hundreds of spring, summer, and fall openings.
- Many attorneys work for the federal government in law-related positions, e.g., Policy Analysts, Ethics Specialists, Contracts Specialists. The best way to secure such a job is to work as a paid SCEP intern with an agency that interests you during school - SCEP interns are routinely noncompetitively converted to a permanent job! Apply directly through the agency’s website.
Internships, Continued

Examples of available spring internships:

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) - National Headquarters
Blue Green Alliance
Center for Democracy & Technology
Center for International Policy
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) - Disability Rights Office
Federal Communications Commission – Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Trade Commission (FTC) - Office of International Affairs (Consumer Protection Group)
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Lex Mundi Pro Bono Foundation
Save America’s Forests
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) - DC Law Student Observer Program
U.S. Department of Commerce - Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce
U.S. Department of State
Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

Go to www.PSLawNet.org for application instructions, as well as many more spring and summer internship postings.

Announcements

Spring 2010 Judicial Internship Opportunity
The Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia of the Maryland Court of Appeals is seeking legal interns for the spring semester. Intern and improve your legal research and writing skills. If you are interested, please email your cover letter, resume, writing sample and transcript as soon as possible to Jill Green at dgreen@ubalt.edu. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

Student Loan Debt Relief!
University of Baltimore Law School students in their final year of school, who have a post-graduate full-time job offer from a nonprofit that provides legal services to low income residents in Maryland, may be eligible for up to $30,000 in student loan relief through the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LRAP). You must apply by November 1st! For more information and an application, go to http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_larp.asp.