

The Weekly Record



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Law Career Development Office

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Job Highlights



Paralegal (Full-time)

UB Law's Innocence Project (Baltimore)

Law Clerk

Hamlin & Swain, LLC (Silver Spring)

Research Assistant

The Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Court of Appeals of Maryland (Annapolis)

Contract Specialist

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (Baltimore)

Login to **Symplcity** for more details and more job postings.

Newsire

"Legal Jobs on the Rise as Overall Jobs Numbers Decline"
www.law.com



Got Debt? Educate Yourself About Public Service Student Loan Debt Relief!

Students considering a career in public service should know that there are a number of loan repayment assistance and forgiveness programs that make working in the public sector financially feasible, even for those with six figure loans. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRAA) assists those with high federal student loan debt by (1) lowering monthly student loan payments through Income Based Repayment (IBR) and (2) cancelling the remaining debt after 10 years of repayment by public service employees. For example, Jane graduates from law school with \$100,000 of federal student loan debt at 6% interest and works for ten years for a 501(c)(3) non-profit at a salary of \$55,000. Under the IBR, her monthly payments are \$484 instead of \$1,110 on a traditional ten year repayment plan. At the conclusion of ten years, the remaining balance of \$86,700 is forgiven. For more information, go to Equal Justice Works, www.equaljusticeworks.org/resources/student-debt-relief/default for an overview of the available programs, including repayment calculators that will provide you with a good estimate of your monthly loan payment and your expected savings under CCRAA. Equal Justice Works also offers informative webinars that explain in detail how to apply for the CCRAA program. See page 2 for more debt relief programs.

Upcoming Events

American Inn of Court
Thursday, November 4th
5:45-8:30pm
Sheraton Annapolis
RSVP to aschmidt@ubalt.edu by 3pm Tuesday, November 2nd.
See page 2 for details.

Mandatory LCDO 1L Orientation
Tuesday, November 9th
5:15-6pm, Langsdale Auditorium
Wednesday, November 10th
12:15-1pm, Langsdale Auditorium
1Ls must attend one of the above sessions.

The LCDO's Essentials Series:
Resumes and Cover Letters
Tuesday, November 16th
12:15-1pm, Moot Court Room
Job Search Strategies and Networking
Tuesday, November 23rd
12:15-1pm, Moot Court Room

UBSPI Annual Public Interest Wine & Cheese
Thursday, November 11th
6-8pm, Moot Court Room

LCDO Staff

Astrid Schmidt, Esq., Director
D. Jill Green, Esq., Director, Attorney & Judicial Internship Programs
Alyson Todd, J.D., Assistant Director
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Shirley Skiles, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9am-6pm*
Friday: 9am-3pm
*Later appointments available upon request.

Questions or Comments

Email lawcareer@ubalt.edu
or call 410.837.4404

Student Debt Relief, continued

JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

Maryland state and local government employees and lawyers employed by nonprofit agencies in Maryland that provide services to low-income or underserved residents are eligible for up to \$30,000 in loan repayment assistance over three years. For complete information, go to http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_larp.asp.

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW PROGRAMS

Loan Repayment and Assistance Program (LRAP)

Awards of up to \$4,000 are available for the repayment of student loan debt to qualifying graduates engaged in public service work.

The Samuel I. "Sandy" Rosenberg Scholarship

An award of \$1,500 is available to assist a recent graduate who has shown a strong commitment to pursuing a career in public interest.

For more information on UB Law's programs go to <http://law.ubalt.edu/template.cfm?page=852>.

JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (JRJ)

JRJ provides loan repayment assistance of up to \$60,000 for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors. For more information go to Equal Justice Works' website at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resources/student-debt-relief/John-R-Justice-Student-Loan-Repayment-Program>.

CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE ATTORNEY STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (CLAPP)

Attorneys working at a nonprofit organization offering legal assistance on civil matters are eligible for up to \$40,000 in loan repayment assistance. Awards are made on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information go to <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resources/student-debt-relief/civil-legal-assistance-attorney-student-loan-repayment-program>.

LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Federal agencies are authorized to offer loan repayment assistance to recruit and retain highly qualified employees. Employees are eligible to receive \$10,000 a year in assistance, with a cap of \$60,000. Attorneys, criminal investigators and contract specialists receive the most assistance and account for over 25% of the total number of employees who received awards. The Army, Navy and Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps attorneys are eligible for up to \$60,000 of financial assistance intended to relieve the burden of student loan debt on junior officers. For an example of a federal student loan repayment program, see the Department of Justice's program at <http://www.justice.gov/oarm/aslrp/aslrp.htm>.

Announcements

Inn of Court - Anne Arundel County

The national Inns program, founded by then-Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court, offers monthly dinner programs for lawyers and judges on a local basis, encouraging professionalism both by social interaction and by educational (and, we hope, entertaining) programs presented by groups of members. Designed particularly to benefit younger lawyers and law students in their entry to the legal community, our program also may assist law students to meet potential future employers and/or get employment leads. Astrid Schmidt, LCDO Director, sits on the Board of the Anne Arundel County Inn (The James Cawood Inn of Court). The next meeting of the Cawood Inn is Thursday, November 4th from 5:45-8:30pm at the Sheraton Annapolis (173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401). Come meet dozens of UB alum and practitioners. The cost is \$10. To learn about other Inn chapters in Maryland, please visit <http://www.innsforcourt.org/>. Please RSVP to aschmidt@ubalt.edu by 3pm on Tuesday, November 2nd.