LAWYERING IN DC: BEYOND LAW FIRM PRACTICE
A CAREER SYMPOSIUM

Friday, January 31, 2014

MORNING SESSION

8:00 - 8:30  Registration, Light Breakfast

8:30 - 8:45  Welcome and Overview of Conference Themes:
Introduction by Moderator, Charles Martel ‘85L
Emerging Trends in the Legal Profession
Building a Network for Long-Term Professional Success
Discovering Non-Traditional Roles for Lawyers in the 21st Century

8:45 - 10:15  Panel 1: Federal Government Careers for Lawyers
  o Kelly Shackelford, Director of Training and Workforce Development, National Security
    Division, U.S. Department of Justice; former Assistant U.S. Attorney
  o Ethan Levisohn, Office of Enforcement, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
  o Richard Welch ‘88L, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Communications
    Commission
  o Andrew Olmem ’96, ’01L, former Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking,
    Housing and Urban Affairs
  o Brian Bell ’10L, Senior Legislative Counsel, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, U.S. House
    of Representatives
  o Gen. James Schwenk, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Defense

10:15 - 10:45  Break: Coffee and Conversation with Morning Panelists

10:45 - 12:15  Panel 2: New Roles for Lawyers in the International Arena:
  NGOs, Donor Organizations and Consultancies
  o Wade Channel, Senior Advisor for the Office of Gender Equality & Women's
    Empowerment, U.S. Agency for International Development
  o Nneoma Nwogu, Legal Counsel, World Bank
  o Merlin Liu, Associate General Counsel, Overseas Private Investment Corporation
  o Sarah Mielke ‘10L, Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of International Narcotics & Law
    Enforcement, U.S. Department of State
  o Mary Greer, Senior Criminal Law Advisor, ABA-ROLI
BUFFET LUNCHEON FOR STUDENTS AND PANELISTS

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:45 - 3:00 Panel 3: In-House Counsel: Advocacy, Public Policy and Government Affairs
- Michael Macleod-Ball, Chief of Staff, American Civil Liberties Union
- Marshall Taylor, Deputy General Counsel, NAACP
- Debbie Fine, General Counsel, Center for American Progress
- David Parkhurst, General Counsel, National Governors’ Association
- Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center
- Chris Fetzer, Vice President and General Counsel, Haake & Associates
- Amelia Smith, General Counsel, Conservation International

3:00 - 3:30 Break: Coffee and Conversation with Afternoon Panelists

3:30 - 4:30 Panel 4: In-House Counsel: Business and Trade Organizations
- Tim Molino ’00L, Vice President, Business Software Alliance
- Ross Eisenberg, Vice President, Energy and Natural Resources Policy, National Association of Manufacturers
- Mary Martin, Policy Director, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Susan Gurley, Executive Director, Sister to Sister, Women’s Heart Health Foundation

4:30 - 4:45 Concluding Remarks

4:45 – 6 Discussions:
2Ls and Internship Supervisors Regarding 2014-15 Externships

RECEPTION

6:00 - 8:00 Reception for Students, Panelists, Interviewers, Alumni and Faculty
INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS CONCURRENT WITH THE CAREER SYMPOSIUM
FOR CURRENT WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW STUDENTS

Interviewers will be available to discuss internship, externship, job opportunities and recruitment processes with their organizations. Students attending the Symposium may pre-register for through Symplicity for up to four 20 minute interviews, and must submit a resume with their registration.

11:00 - 12:15  Federal Government Practice

- Rena Cervoni, Assistant Director, Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management, Department of Justice
- Ethan Levisohn and Keith Bradley, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Eric Froman, General Counsel’s Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Andrew Olmem ’96, ‘01L, former Counsel to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate
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- Gen. Jim Schwenk, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense
- Richard Welch, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission
- Maribel Ramos, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Tim Kaine
- Nicholas Devereux, Legislative Counsel, Office of Senator Mark Warner (L2007)
- Aylin Skroefjer, Federal Trade Commission (1L Summer Internships and 2L Externships)

1:30 - 2:30  International Practice

- Sarah Mielke ‘10L, Foreign Affairs Officer, Bureau of International Narcotics & Law Enforcement, U.S. Department of State
- Melanie Wyche, Internship Program Manager, U.S. Agency for International Development
- Mary Greer, Senior Criminal Law Advisor, ABA-ROLI
- Nneoma Nwogu, Legal Counsel, LEGAF, World Bank
- Nate Kline, Director of the USAID Enabling Agricultural Trade Project, Fintrac Inc.
- Amy Bailey and/or Merlin Liu, Overseas Private Investment Corporation
- Barbara Dillon-Hillas, PAE Inc, Lead Subject Matter Expert, Justice Sector Support Program, State's Rule of Law project in Afghanistan
Lien Galloway, General Counsel’s Office, PeaceCorps
Joanna Ruppel, Chief, International Operations Division, USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate
Monica Sanders, Senior Policy and Legal Advisor, American Red Cross

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