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August 10, 2009

1:30 - 2:00  What To Do To Ace Your Interview, Professor Molly Bishop Shadel

Professor Shadel teaches oral advocacy and public speaking courses at the law school. During this session, Professor Shadel will provide practical insights into the speaking and presentation skills needed for successful interviewing.

2:00 - 2:30  Mock Interview (with critique by Prof. Shadel)

2:30 - 2:45  Break

2:45 - 4:00  Hiring Partner Panel: What Are Employers Looking For In The Current Economic Climate?

Moderated by Dean Lawson. Representatives from Hunton & Williams and Latham & Watkins will discuss the skills and competencies that law firms most value in associates and the means by which they identify individuals with those skills.

4:00 - 4:30  Interviewing Strategies for Public Service Interviews

Director of Public Service Yared Getachew will discuss the ways in which public service interviews differ from law firm interviews and will provide strategies for success.

4:30 - 4:45  Beginning to Think About Clerkships

Director of Judicial Clerkships Ruth Payne will provide a brief overview of clerkship opportunities that will be available to students as well as the timing for clerkship applications for 2L’s.

4:45 - 5:00  Researching Law Firms

Dean Kevin Donovan will discuss research strategies for developing information that may be of use in the interview process.
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2:00 – 3:30  BLSA Employer Panel: The Evolution Of The Law Firm Model

Moderated by Dean Kevin Donovan. The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is bringing together a four firm panel to discuss the different ways that large law firms are reacting to changes in the marketplace and to current economic challenges. Panelists include representatives from Howrey, Orrick, Covington & Burling, and Vinson & Elkins. The panelists represent firms that have employed associate development models, deferrals, fellowship programs, and other strategies. The panelists will discuss how entering associates are affected by the economics of the legal marketplace and will provide tips for law students as they navigate the job search process.

3:30 – 4:00  Clerkship Options For 3L’s

Director of Judicial Clerkships Ruth Payne will discuss clerkships that remain available into the fall and winter of third year.

4:00 – 4:30  Public Service Options For 3L’s

Director of Public Service Yared Getachew will discuss steps that 3L’s should be taking now if they are interested in applying for public service positions.

4:30 – 5:00  Searching For Jobs Outside The OGI Process

Dean Steve Hopson will present practical tips for searching for and locating job opportunities outside the OGI process.