



COLLEGE OF LAW

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OPD Summer Hours

The Office of Professional Development is available during summer hours from 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Virtual appointments can be scheduled before 8:00am or after 4:00pm upon request. The office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. For PDP questions and appointment scheduling contact OPD@utoledo.edu.

Reminders/Announcements

- Mark your calendars for the *required* class meetings! All meetings will be held live in the auditorium, live streamed (see TLCN when link is available), and will be recorded as well. Please register on TLCN.
 - [1L Class Meeting](#): August 31st at 12:15 pm
 - [2L Class Meeting](#): September 2nd at 12:15 pm
 - [3L/4L Class Meeting](#): September 9th at 12:15 pm
 - Fall federal work study applications are now open! Click [here](#) for more information about Federal Work Study and to apply.
 - **MPRE** price increase: Starting in 2022, the cost of the MPRE will increase to \$150 from \$135. Applicants will notice the increase when registration for 2022 opens in December 2021.
 - **NCBE** price increase: Effective July 1, 2022, the investigative services fee will be \$275 for law students (currently \$250).
 - Are you doing unpaid, law-related, public service work? Consider pursuing a **Public Service Commendation!** This counts as a PDP Pro Bono Activity, and it's a great way to gain legal experience and make connections in the legal community. To find out more, click [here](#).
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Professional Development Program

Purpose of the Professional Development Program

The College of Law designed the Professional Development Program to help you build your professional identity and network throughout your legal education career. Each year you will be required to complete certain mandatory activities. Additionally, throughout law school you will be required to attend networking and skills events, complete pro bono awareness tasks, and participate in career exploration activities. Inside your designated reporting cycle folder will include the activity categories and numbers of activities required for each reporting cycle. The Professional Development Program is a floor, not a ceiling; OPD encourages you participate in as many of the activities as your schedule allows.

How it works

Reporting cycles are based on the number of credits you have earned at the end of the semester. For example, you must have completed all activities listed in the “0 – 30 Credits Reporting Cycle” between the time you start law school and the semester in which you earned your 30th credit. For the “31 – 60 Credit Reporting Cycle” complete all activities listed between the semester you earned your 31st credit and your 60th credit. And for the “61+ Credits Reporting Cycle” between the semester you earned your 61st credit and the semester that you graduate. For some students, cycles may overlap. You may begin working on the next reporting cycle once you’ve completed the last one if your semester bridges the reporting cycle. I.e. you start a semester with 27 credits and end it with 42 credits, you can finish the 0 – 30 reporting cycle, then start working on the 31 – 60 reporting cycle activities.

Mandatory Activities: Mandatory activities include class level specific programming required by the Office of Professional Development. These meetings will be announced in the OPD newsletter, emails sent by OPD staff, and/or on TLCN. Activities may be web-based or in-person if safety standards allow. Additionally, many of these activities require pre- or post-work such as updating application documents or certify completion of an on-demand video.

Networking and Skills Events: These events are often sponsored or co-sponsored by the Office of Professional Development, Alumni Affairs, or a Bar Association. They are designed to help you build your networking skills. Events can take place virtually or in person (when allowed).

Professional Exploration: Professional exploration tasks will aid in determining your professional identity and long-term career path. Exploring the profession can be done on a large scale, by attending an in-person or virtual legal conference, for example. Or on a smaller scale, such as a one-on-one informational interview. It is your responsibility to find outside events related to your areas of interest, set up

informational interviews, or arrange observation of a legal proceeding. OPD is happy to help in your search.

Pro Bono Awareness Tasks: Ohio, along with many other states, encourages pro bono work as part of a lawyer's professional duties to the public and justice system. Therefore, these tasks are not only a resume builder, but they will help kick-start a commitment to your professional duty as lawyers. The Ohio Supreme court states in the Preamble to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct: "...[A]ll lawyers should devote professional time and resources and use civic influence to ensure equal access to our system of justice for those who because of economic or social barrier cannot afford or secure legal counsel." It is your responsibility to find pro bono clinics and volunteer to help, or find an attorney to work with or shadow. OPD is happy to help in your search but will not be responsible for placement in these opportunities. OPD may advertise pro bono projects and other opportunities via the newsletter or emails. Students in the 0 – 30 credit reporting cycle are not required to complete a Pro Bono Awareness Task. Students in the 31 – 60, or 61+ reporting cycle may report participation in one of the listed legal clinics. Note: the Public Service and Corporate Counsel Externship Clinics do not count.

Professional Development Program - Approved Activities

Veteran Legal Clinic

When: First Thursday of Each Month, 8:30- 11:00 am

Where: Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic

1200 South Detroit Avenue

Toledo, OH 43614

2nd Floor Conference Room

Veterans are welcome to stop by for assistance in legal matters such as eviction/foreclosure, child support and family law, bankruptcy, and other civil matters. Law students are welcome to attend these clinics to help under the supervision of a licensed attorney. It is also a good networking opportunity. **If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, please email Laura at laura.dettinger@utoledo.edu**

****Attending the Veteran Legal Clinic counts as a Pro Bono Awareness activity
– Volunteer at a Bar Sponsored Pro Bono Clinic. Please remember to self-report your attendance after the clinic.***

The following activities have been approved for a Professional Exploration Activity – Attend a legal conference. Please remember to self-report your attendance.

- **"Mental Health in the Legal Profession" - the ABA Law Student Podcast**
 - The ABA Law Student Podcast recently published an episode talking about mental health in the legal field and how individuals can seek help if they need it. [Click here to listen to the episode.](#)
 - **Eviction Moratorium Extension: What Happens When It Expires?**
 - [Click here to listen to the latest episode from NPR's "On Point" podcast talking about the eviction moratorium ending and the housing shortage in the U.S.](#)
 - **ABA and National Affinity Bars Equity Webinar**
 - Representatives from the National Affinity Bar Associations met to discuss how they are identifying and addressing inequities brought to focus by the murder of George Floyd, protests around the country, and COVID-19.
 - [Click here to listen to the recording.](#)
 - **Crash Course: Public Interest Job Interviewing 101**
 - Nervous about interviewing remotely? Join Equal Justice Works and public interest advisors [Names TBD] for a webinar designed to help prepare you to interview at this year's Conference and Career Fair. We will provide tips and tricks for standing out and making a lasting impression during your virtual interviews.
 - October 5th, 2:00-3:00pm
 - Register [here](#)
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Conference Registration is Now Open!

The 18th Annual International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference will be hosted virtually on September 22-24, 2021.

For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

****Attending at least one day of the conference will count as a Professional Exploration - Legal Conference PDP activity. Please remember to self report your attendance after the conference.***

PDP Deadlines:

- 0-30 Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes of the semester in which you earn your 30th credit hour.
- 31-60 Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes of the semester in which you earn your 60th credit hour.
- 61+ Reporting Cycle: Last day of classes before you graduate.

Job Fairs

2021 Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair October 21-23, 2021

The Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair is the largest national public interest legal career fair, bringing together more than 200 public interest employers to conduct interviews for full-time positions and internships.

More than 1,500 law students from over 160 law schools attend the event to participate in workshops and informal “table talk” discussions, receive résumé advice, and network with fellow law students and legal professionals.

Registration

Student registration for the 2021 Conference and Career Fair will open on Wednesday, August 11. The base registration fee for all three days of the event will be \$25.00 (this is a non-refundable fee). Attendees will be required to register for the event before applying for available job opportunities. The event will be hosted on our virtual event platform, Pathable.

Key dates to keep in mind:

- **Deadline for Applying to Prescheduled Interviews**
Students must apply for prescheduled interviews by Monday, September 13 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Employers will then have until Thursday, September 23 to submit their interview selections.
- **Prescheduled Interview Sign-Up**
Students will have been notified of their status for prescheduled interviews (unless otherwise contacted) and will be able to sign-up for specific interview times beginning on Friday, September 24. Interview times must be finalized by Monday, October 4 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- Please email careerfair@equaljusticeworks.org with any questions.
- **Prescheduled Interviews**
- Students and recent graduates are encouraged to apply and interview with as many organizations as they are interested in during the prescheduled interview application period (mid-August – mid-September). This year, all interviews will be 20 minutes long and will be conducted virtually.

***Please note that attending a legal conference or legal job fair is approved as a Professional Exploration activity under the PDP. Please remember to self-report your attendance after you attend.*

Legal Programs, Scholarships, and Contests

**WRITING COMPETITIONS
THE SOVEREIGNTY SYMPOSIUM XXXIII**

The Sovereignty Symposium XXXIII – 2021 will be held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 11-12, 2021. We invite papers on any issue concerning Native American law.

**DOOLIN PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS,
GRADUATE STUDENTS, LAW STUDENTS AND GRADUATE
LAW STUDENTS**

This competition is open to any student enrolled in an accredited college, in a graduate or undergraduate program. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500.00 will be awarded. The winning entry will be published in the 2021 Symposium book. Second and third place entries will be published if space permits.

**HARGRAVE PRIZE FOR WRITINGS BY THE SOVEREIGNTY
SYMPOSIUM FACULTY**

Cash awards will be given in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750.00 for the best three original and previously unpublished papers included in the Symposium publication.

**HAGER PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS,
GRADUATE STUDENTS, LAW STUDENTS AND GRADUATE
LAW STUDENTS**

The Hager Prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the best writing on the ICWA or any legal issue concerning Native American juveniles. The winning entry will also be published in the 2021 Symposium book.

REQUIREMENTS

The entries in the writing competitions must not be more than fifty (50) single-spaced pages in length. The paper used shall be 8-1/2" x 11" in size. The title of the paper, the name of the author and a current mailing address and telephone number must be placed on a cover page. Only the title of the paper should appear at the top of the first page of the text. The author's name should appear on the cover page only. Papers must be submitted in Word or Word Perfect format. E-mail the formatted version to kyle.shifflett@oscn.net. Use a 12-point font in Times New Roman format. Again, the document should be single spaced. The left and right margins must be 2"; the top and bottom margins must be 1.5".

ALL PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 BY EMAIL TO: KYLE.SHIFFLETT@OSCN.NET.

BUCKFIRE & BUCKFIRE, P.C. LAW SCHOOL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Buckfire Law Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2021 Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. Law School Diversity Scholarship.

The scholarship was created in 2013 as part of the law firm's commitment to helping law students who are in need of financial assistance achieve their academic and professional dreams.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must be a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority, or demonstrate a commitment to issues of diversity within their community.

The scholarship will award \$2,000 to one student selected by our scholarship selection committee.

Law School Diversity Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or any individual who demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career.
- Recipient is a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited law school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited law school.

Law School Diversity Scholarship Applications Requirements

In order to apply for the Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C. 2021 Law School Diversity Scholarship Program an applicant must submit the following items on or before Oct. 1, 2021:

- A completed scholarship application form. (Located [here](#))
- A one-page typed essay describing how you have utilized your time promoting ethnic diversity within your community. Alternatively, you may write about how you will use your law degree to promote ethnic diversity in the future.
- A certified, official copy of law school transcript.

2021 BOYK LAW VETERAN SCHOLARSHI

The Ohio Personal Injury lawyers of [Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC](#) are pleased to announce the 2021 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship for college students.

The scholarship has been created as part of Boyk Law's continued commitment to the service men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their continuing education. The Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship is \$2,000 and will be awarded to a student who is currently attending an accredited college or university, who has either served in the Armed Forces or is the child of a US Veteran. The first annual award was awarded in November 2015.

This scholarship is near and dear to our hearts, and we are grateful to be in a position to offer this award for another year. We understand that education looks different for so many as we are still battling the COVID-19 pandemic and classes have shifted to online. We hope that this scholarship can bring a light of hope to those struggling to pay for their education during these times, and encourage students to continue pursuing their educational goals. Thank you to all of those who serve and continue to serve our country.

Eligibility:

- Applicant has served in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Reserves OR is the child or stepchild of someone who has.
- Applicant is a U.S. citizen currently attending an accredited college or university within the United States.
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed at least one semester of classes at an accredited college or university.

Application Requirements:

In order to apply for the 2021 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship, an applicant must submit the following items:

An up-to-date resume with current contact information

- 750-1,000 word essay addressing at least two (2) of the following questions:
- Tell us the story of YOU. What is driving you to go to college and what would you like to do with your degree?
- How has being a Veteran or the child of a Veteran affected your life?
- If you could give advice on joining the Armed Forces or advice to other children of Veterans, what would that advice be?
- A certified copy of college or university transcript.

We would prefer (but do not require) the applicant to be from/currently living in the state of Ohio

The winner of the 2021 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship will be announced by Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021.

One student will receive one \$2,000 scholarship to be used exclusively toward college or university tuition or school-related expenses. The winner will be notified by phone on November 11, 2021. A check will be made out to the winning student's college or university.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying for Boyk Law's \$2,000 scholarship, please email applications to: info@charlesboyk-law.com with subject line: 2021 Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship. The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2021**.

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Visit <https://www.charlesboyk-law.com/2021-boyk-law-veteran-scholarship/> for more information.

Jobs of the Week

Please click on the Job Title to see the posting with more details in TLCN.

Job Title

Employer Name

[Law Clerk](#)

[Law Clerk - Summer 2022](#)

[Law Clerk/2022 Summer Associate](#)

[Law Clerk](#)

[Assistant Legal Clerk](#)

[Law Clerk](#)

[Internship](#)

[Summer Associate - 2022](#)

[Legal Intern/Extern - Spring 2022](#)

[Legal Intern/Extern - Summer 2022](#)

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