



COLLEGE OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

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OPD Hours

The Office of Professional Development is available between 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

How to meet with us:

- Assistant Dean Heather Karns will be available for in-person appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during business hours, virtual appointments can also be arranged. Schedule an appointment by emailing Heather.Karns@utoledo.edu
- Laura Dettinger, Director, is available for in-person appointments and drop-ins on most Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays. Laura is remote on Thursday and Friday and as needed. Please email her at laura.dettinger@utoledo.edu to schedule an appointment.
- Katie Schuyler, Assistant Director, will be available for in-person appointments and drop-ins on most Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Katie is remote on Monday and Wednesday and as needed. Schedule an appointment by emailing Kate.Schuyler@utoledo.edu or check the appointments tab for availability (please make note of if the appointment is in-person or virtual when scheduling - if you prefer a particular format, please send her an email).
- Shannon McCune, Administrative Assistant, is available in-person during business hours Monday through Friday.

Reminders/Announcements

- Deadline for **Fall Clinics and Externship Applications - Friday, March 18th at 5:00 pm**. Application forms for the [Civil Advocacy Clinic, Tax Controversy Clinic, and Externships](#) are available on the Legal Clinics website. Students interested in the Mediation Externship for fall 2022 must be

available for mandatory training. Training dates TBD. Applications must be submitted to the Legal Clinic either in person (Room 1035) or via email to Kimberly.Blausey@utoledo.edu by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18.

- **May Graduates:** As part of your graduation processing requirements, you must complete the Office of Professional Development **Graduate Exit Survey between Monday April 4, 2022 and Friday, April 22, 2022**. You can do the survey either in-person at OPD (Suite 1030) or via WebEx. To schedule an appointment via WebEx, email [Laura](#), [Katie](#) or [OPD](#). The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Summer graduates will complete this requirement in July 2022.
- **NCBE price increase:** Effective July 1, 2022, the investigative services fee will be \$275 for law students (currently \$250).
- **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.

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.

Professional Development Program - Approved Activities

Alumni Mock Interview Program:

More availability has recently been added to the alumni mock interview program. If you have already applied, but haven't selected a time, please do so now! If you haven't applied yet, there's still time! Click [here](#) to "apply" (don't forget to submit your resume!). After you apply, you will receive a second email from TLCN letting you know when you've been approved to select the time of your interview. From there, select a mock interview time that works with your schedule. These are all virtual mock interviews.

Completing a mock interview is approved as a PDP Networking and Skills activity - Mock Interview. Please self-report your attendance on TLCN.

Join Us as We Support Afghan Evacuees in Ohio

Pro Bono Service Opportunity With Complimentary CLE

Date: March 9, 2022

Time: 1 – 2:35 p.m.

Format: Live Webcast

Price: Complimentary to OSBA Members & Non-Members

Registration - Closed

Get Involved and Make a Difference for Afghan Families

The Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation have teamed up to raise awareness among the greater bar community, as well as to

recruit and train attorneys who are willing to provide pro bono legal services to Afghan evacuees relocated to Ohio following the U.S. withdraw from their country in August.

No prior immigration law experience is required to be part of this unique service opportunity. You will walk away from this complimentary program well-informed and with the preliminary information you need to lend your support to these families. Not to mention, you'll earn 1.5 hours of complimentary CLE credit.

After the training, you will be included on the list of volunteer Ohio attorneys willing to help. Volunteer matching with potential clients will be coordinated by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, working closely with local resettlement agencies.

All attorneys who agree to accept a pro bono case through this effort will be covered by the malpractice policy of one of the nonprofit agencies organizing the placements.

Attendance and participation in this program is approved as a Pro Bono Awareness Activity

Insight into a Creative Area of Law

Tuesday, March 15

11:50 - 12:50 pm

LC 1002

Please join Business Law Society as we host Dean Barros who will discuss a few financing structures which a young business lawyer may like to know. Dean Barros has prior experience litigating matters of this sort and will provide explanations regarding the topics of sale leaseback, mezzanine financing, project finance, and securitization, specifically.

This event is approved as a PDP Professional Exploration Activity – Additional Approved Program.

Faith and a Professional Life

Tuesday, March 22

11:30-1:00 pm

McQuade Auditorium

Please join the Christian Legal Society for a Q&A panel regarding the intersection of Christianity and law, and the impact faith has made on our panelists' careers.

Panelists include: M. Charles Collins (Eastman & Smith Ltd.); Michael Bragg (Spengler Nathanson P.L.L.); Thomas Dillon (Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick L.L.P.)

This event is approved as a PDP Networking and Skills Activity – Additional Approved Program.

Sports Law Presentation with Joe Barroso

Tuesday, March 22

Noon - 12:45 pm

Via Zoom

Please join the Sports Law Society as they welcome Joe Barroso. Joe is an Alumni from the University of Toledo Law school who has made a career in the sports industry. He has been a minor league baseball agent and is currently a scout for the Phillies. Joe is planning on talking about law in the sports world and also about how his opportunities from law school, such as the Tulane International baseball arbitration competition, shaped his future in sports. He is also willing to answer questions on how other students can start down the sports track as well.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84882596534?pwd=L3ZwQlV4KzBmMmtlZmE2Z1RWMEh0dz09> Meeting ID: 848 8259 6534 Passcode: 5KZ0Dm

This event is approved as a PDP Professional Exploration Activity – Additional Approved Program.

Faculty Speaker Series - Professor Nicole Porter: The ABCs of Disability

Wednesday, March 23

11:50-12:50pm

Auditorium

Professor Porter will provide a primer on disability, shedding light on many common misconceptions surrounding disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Specific topics will include: (1) how disability is defined in life and the law; (2) the types and effects of stigma experienced by people with disabilities; (3) recognizing the able-bodied norm in virtually all aspects of our daily lives; (4) understanding the purpose and effect of reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities; and (5) learning how to be a good ally for your friends and loved ones who are disabled.

This event is approved as a PDP Professional Exploration Activity – Additional Approved Program.

Faculty Speaker Series - Professor Eric Chaffee

Securities Regulation and Artificial Intelligence: Regulation and Artificial Intelligence: Regulating Robo-Advisors

Tuesday, March 29

11:50-12:50pm

Auditorium

In recent years, software developers have created client-facing computerized investment tools that provide financial advice or assist in investment management that have come to be known as “robo-advisors.” These programs interact directly with investors and serve as intermediaries within securities transactions. They also create a wide variety of concerns for securities regulators relating to disclosure, conflicts of interest, licensure, programming flaws, technology glitches, regulator resource availability, and regulator capacity for regulation and enforcement. Creating a comprehensive regulatory scheme has proven to be challenging. This presentation will explore what is a robo-adviser and the various possible models for regulating robo-advisers.

This event is approved as a PDP Professional Exploration Activity – Additional Approved Program.

The Toledo Bar Association offers a variety of pro bono opportunities. The following clinics are currently available for law students:

Clinics

1. **Juvenile Clinic**- you will observe attorneys assisting individuals who are filling out court documents in Juvenile Court to file pro se. If you are comfortable after observing, you may have the opportunity to assist with educational information only. This clinic is held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Lucas Co Juvenile Court from 11:00-1:00. You will need to arrive 15 minutes early so we can go over the forms with you.
2. **Pro Se Divorce Clinic**- this is an opportunity for you to observe a volunteer attorney assisting folks who are filing for divorce pro se. This clinic is normally held twice a month on Friday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 at the Law Library (905 Jackson St.). Again, you will need to arrive 15 minutes early so we can go over the forms with you.
3. **VA Brief Advice Clinic**- law students will be paired with an attorney to observe providing brief advice on a variety of legal topics. This clinic is held on the first Thursday of the month at the Toledo VA (1200 S. Detroit) from 8:30-11:00.
4. **Justice Bus Brief Advice Clinics:** law students will be paired with an attorney to observe providing brief advice. These clinics will be on specific topics, and will be held at Toledo Lucas County Public Library locations.
 - **Justice Bus DR Brief Advice Clinic:** Tuesday, April 12th from 10:00-12:00 at the Sanger Library Branch (3030 Central Ave.)
 - **Justice Bus Consumer/BK Brief Advice Clinic:** Tuesday, May 3rd from 10:00-12:00 at the Main Library Branch (325 N. Michigan St.) - Please note, this is during finals!

You can sign up for clinics at this link: [Pro Bono Clinic](#)

**Please be sure to only sign up for a slot labeled Law Student Volunteer

Cases

You can also shadow an attorney on a case in the following practice areas: Divorce, Bankruptcy, Guardianships, Estate Planning, Adoption, Nonprofit business needs.

*If you are interested in this, please contact Maggie Humphrey at mhumprhey@toledobar.org and she will take down your information and contact you when the next case comes in. This is highly dependent on client need at any given time.

New Opportunity

The TBA is starting a Virtual Eviction Sealing Clinic. If you have an interest in assisting someone with getting an Eviction removed from their housing record, let Maggie know and she can send you the training materials.

**Attending any of these opportunities 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*

To find additional Pro bono opportunities, explore these resources:

Toledo Bar Association – [Pro Bono Legal Services Program](#)

Wolverine Bar Association – [Pro Bono Council Committee](#)

Ohio Access to Justice Foundation – [Pro Bono Opportunities Guide](#)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association – [Pro Bono Programs](#)

Dayton Bar Association – [Pro Bono Legal Services](#)

[Misc. Ohio resources](#)

[Misc. Michigan resources](#)

Job Fairs

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the 2022 Patent Law Interview Program on **Thursday and Friday, July 21-22**. This nationwide interview program targets patent law employers and rising 2L and 3L students. The 2022 Patent Law Interview Program will be held IN PERSON* at the Embassy Suites Chicago – Downtown/Lakefront. **In person interviews will still take place on Thursday**

and Friday, July 21-22, and virtual interviews will now take place on Monday, July 25.

Last year roughly 150 employers, 190 law schools, and 1,300 law students from across the country participated in the program. The program is entirely pre-selected, which means that students submit application materials to apply to interviews with the employers they are interested in, and employers then review their materials and select the students they wish to interview at the program. Last year, approximately half of the participating students were selected for interviews.

Students with undergraduate or graduate degrees in engineering or a technical science should consider registering for the program. You do not need to be patent bar eligible to register, although the vast majority of employers participating in the program are seeking patent bar eligible students.

For more information on the program, please refer to the Loyola Patent Program website at: <https://www.luc.edu/law/currentstudents/careerservices/patentprogram/>.

The 2022 Patent Law Interview Program will be accepting registrations from:

- JD students graduating in May/June 2023 (rising 3Ls)
- JD students graduating in May/June 2024 (rising 2Ls)
- JD students graduating in December 2022/January 2023 (rising 3Ls)
- JD students graduating in December 2023/January 2024 (rising 2Ls)

Online student registration for this year's Patent Law Interview Program will begin on Tuesday, February 22 and close on Monday, March 21. Students can register at:

https://epay.luc.edu/C20996_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=311&SINGLESTORE=true

At this stage of registration, you will only need to enter some basic information (you will upload your resume and bid on interviews later in the semester).

There is a non-refundable \$40 dollar registration fee that you must pay by credit card to complete your online registration. Please have your credit card ready when you register. If your school plans to pay the registration fee for your students (either up front or by reimbursing them), please add appropriate language before publicizing this program to your students.

Once you have registered, the program staff will communicate with you directly via

email to the address that you entered when registering for the program. Please direct any questions about the program to the Patent Program Liaison in OPD, Katie Schuyler.

*Should Loyola or the City of Chicago change its COVID guidelines to require a remote program, we will notify you of any changes. The program will follow the safety protocols required by Loyola University Chicago for off-campus events: [Loyola Health and Safety Information](#).

SOUTHEASTERN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY JOB FAIR

THE PREMIER ENVIRONMENT
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CAREER RECRUITING

Tuesday July 26, 2022

A WORLD LEADING IP EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR

Now in its 18th year! SIPJF undertakes a multi-faceted approach to ensure that students are gaining the best employment opportunities and employers are procuring the brightest future members of the IP community.

Throughout the year, SIPJF is reaching out to even more law schools and working with additional career service departments to attract the top students interested in IP law.

SIPJF FOR EMPLOYERS

Corporations, law firms and government agencies that practice IP law in media, science, technology, business, entertainment and sports.

SIPJF FOR STUDENTS

Serious about a career in intellectual property? SIPJF is your best opportunity to meet potential employers for current students and recent graduates.

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

If you are interested in attending, please [email Katie](#) by Friday, March 25th. If you do not email Katie, the law school will not be registered and you will not be able to attend.

Diversity Fellowships and Minority Clerkships

Toledo Bar Association Minority Clerkship

**The Minority Clerkship Program is for this upcoming summer and is not applicable to Spring 2022 graduates.*

The link to the Clerkship Program application can be found at: <https://www.toledobar.org/?pg=Minority-Clerkship-Program>

All applications must be typed and submitted NO LATER THAN 11:59 p.m.

on March 25, 2022.

Please submit the application and attachments to :

Attn: Brad Lagusch

Toledo Bar Association,

311 North Superior Street

Toledo, Ohio 43604

Phone: 419.242.9363

Fax: 419.242.3614

E-mail: blagusch@toledobar.org

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

ADD ALL DATES AND SUGGESTIONS BELOW TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW! DO NOT WAIT TO LEARN IF YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW!

INTERVIEWS: Interviews are scheduled to take place on April 2, 2022 in Toledo, OH. **You must attend the interview in person.*

FUNDING: Please reach out to Assistant Director of Financial Aid for the College of Law: Bridget Beattie-Smith, Bridget.Beattie-Smith@utoledo.edu to explore possible Federal Work Study funding should you be placed with a public interest or governmental organization. **You will be asked about this on your application and in the interview.*

INTERVIEW PREP: Any student applying for this program is strongly encouraged to schedule a mock interview with The Office of Professional Development (opd@utoledo.edu or heather.karns@utoledo.edu) to ensure you have feedback and more information about the program in advance of your interview on 4/2.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about the application or the process, please contact The Office of Professional Development at opd@utoledo.edu.

Programs, Scholarships, and Contests



USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program

Costs associated with law school may derail accomplished and highly motivated students from applying to law school or completing their Juris Doctor. Recent studies show that one out of ten minority law students had to abandon a lifetime dream of becoming a lawyer and the legal field lost 10% of its potential diverse talent pool.

The USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program was created as part of the organization's commitment to helping diverse 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 USLAW NETWORK Law School Diversity Scholarship Program will award \$5,000 to up to 5-10 students selected by our scholarship selection committee. Applications may be submitted starting February 1, 2022 with a deadline for applications by April 1, 2022.

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 or permanent resident currently attending an accredited law school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by a minimum 3.0 GPA at an accredited law school i currently enrolled or a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the recipient's undergraduate years.

To apply, please see the attached application.

LAW STUDENT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AND APPLICATION

As part of our commitment to diversity, Michigan Auto Law is pleased to sponsor an annual Scholarship Program to provide financial support to

students who contribute to the diversity of the law school student body as they pursue their legal career.

Our annual scholarship is \$2,000.

Eligibility and Selection criteria includes:

- The scholarship program is open to students currently in their first or second year of law school as well as students entering law school in the fall of 2022
- Recipient is a member of an ethnic or racial minority or demonstrates a defined commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career
- Recipient is a U.S. citizen accepted to or currently attending an accredited law school within the United States.
- Academic achievement as reflected by an undergraduate cumulative minimum 3.0 GPA

Application Requirements – Application Deadline: June 1, 2022

The Michigan Auto Law Scholarship Program is a competitive process.

Applicants must submit the following items:

- A completed application
- If entering law school in the fall of 2022, a copy of your acceptance letter to law school
- A typed essay no more than three pages long describing your efforts to encourage greater racial or ethnic diversity within the student body of your law school and/or undergraduate program

The winner of the 2022 scholarship will be announced in August of 2022

To apply, please click [here](#).



THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COUNSEL

is pleased to announce the

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS

- SUBJECT:** Any topic in the field of employee benefits law.
- OPEN TO:** Any J.D. and graduate (L.L.M. or S.J.D.) law students enrolled at any time between August 15, 2021, and August 15, 2022, who have not at any time engaged in the practice of law.
- SUBMIT BY:** June 1, 2022
- UP TO TWO AWARDS:**
- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Alvin D. Lurie Memorial Award | \$1,800 |
| Sidney M. Perlstadt Memorial Award | \$1,800 |

Please see attached document for more information.

Gounaris Abboud Scholarship Contest



What Does Justice Mean to You – Law School Scholarship Contest

As [criminal defense attorneys](#) in Ohio, we believe in checks and balances found within the judicial system. We are proud to present our latest scholarship contest exclusively for law school students. We want to hear from you!

***Due to the large volume of submissions that we typically receive, we request that you do not contact the firm asking about your submission for the scholarship contest. We will review every submission and the winner will be notified by email.*

Essay Overview

Understanding the justice system, why it is important for democracy, and how we can teach others the importance of our judicial system.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled or accepted into an ABA accredited law school in the United States as of the fall 2021 semester.
- Applicants must submit their essay and other required information by Monday, August 1st, 2022.

Essay Criteria:

Please upload the following information:

- First / Last Name
- Email address

- Phone Number
- Transcript or proof of enrollment to your law school
- Copy of your essay submission (.doc, .docx, .pdf)

Award Amount:

One student will be selected via email and be awarded \$1,500 to put towards their law school education.

- \$1,500 dollars to one (1) person to put towards their law school tuition

FAQ:

What is the deadline for submission?

- Applications must be received no later than August 1st, 2022.

When will the winner be selected and notified?

- The winner will be selected and notified by no later than Monday, August 15th, 2022.

To apply, click [here](#)

Jobs of the Week

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

Job Title	Employer Name
2022 Summer Law Clerk Program	Wood County Common Pleas Co
Intern	Fund that Flip
2022 NAACP Kellogg's Summer Law Fellow Program	NAACP Office of the General Co
Law Clerk/Associate Attorney	Cory, Meredith, Witter & Smith
Law Clerk	Cory, Meredith, Witter & Smith

Student Trainee (Legal Intern)	Federal Deposit Insurance Corpora
Law Clerk	Semro Henry & Barga
2L Summer Associate	Morris Music Law
Summer Internship 2022	Southern Poverty Law Center
Law Clerk	Johnson & Associates
Student volunteer- summer 2022	National Labor Relations Board
Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellowship	Ohio State Bar Foundation
Intellectual Property Intern	Howard & Howard
Internship	U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
Law Clerk	Collins & Blaha



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