



COLLEGE OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

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OPD Appointments and Office Hours

The OPD staff is available for virtual appointments. You can schedule an appointment with Laura or Katie directly through TLCN. Or, if you have a quick question, stop by our virtual office hours! Please double check in TLCN to verify office hours haven't changed for the week, but in general our office hours are as follows:

Laura: Mondays, 2:30-4:30 pm
Wednesdays, 11:30 am -1:30 pm

Click on this link to join Laura's hours:

<https://utoledo.webex.com/meet/laura.dettinger>

Katie: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm
Fridays, 8:45-10:45 am

Click on this link to join Katie's hours: <https://utoledo.webex.com/meet/kate.schuyler>

To learn how to schedule an appointment or join office hours, watch [this](#) quick (3 minute) video!

Reminders

DEADLINE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES - December 4th at 5:00pm

The last day to submit PDP activities *for those who have completed their 0-30 or 30-60 credit hour reporting period* is Friday, December 4th at 5:00 pm. For a checklist of PDP activities, please review the PDP folder within the Resource Library folder in TLCN. If you have questions about the requirement or reporting, reach out to Laura or Katie as soon as possible. If you do not know how to report your completed activities, please watch this [video](#).

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

Pro Bono Awareness - OPD Approved Activity

For the 2020-2021 academic year only, to complete the 2L Pro Bono Awareness PDP Activity, you can contact a private practice attorney who does pro bono work, and conduct an informational interview with them about their pro bono experiences, (i.e. why they do pro bono work, how they find the work, the type of cases they take pro bono, etc.) If you need help finding an attorney who does pro bono work, please contact either Laura or Katie for assistance.

***Completing a pro bono informational interview will count as “Additional pro bono opportunities approved by OPD”*

Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter
Dark Money Basics- Open Secrets, Virtual CLE, December 14, 2020, 1:00-2:00pm – Registration required by December 7th to receive Zoom information

The CLE will discuss the law surrounding the Larry Householder indictment. Speakers Michael Halberstam, Esq. will explain campaign finance and elections presenting on campaign-finance law and “dark money” (including PACs and 501(c)(4)s) and Richard Blake, Esq. will discuss white-collar criminal prosecutions presenting on the allegations against Rep. Householder and possible disputed issues and defenses. Moderator: Christian Grostic of the N.D. of Ohio Federal Public Defender's office.

Registration Fees: FBA Member – Free; Non-Members- \$25. ***Please note – Students can become a member of the Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter for free***, so they can then attend the CLE for free. Membership form is attached to this email – email the completed form to Dean Karns to expedite processing!

To register, click [here](#).

***Attending this CLE counts as a “Professional Exploration - Attend a bar association committee meeting, legal conference, legal job fair, or Continuing Legal Education course for 2L/3Ls”*

Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter
Ballots and Bullets, Virtual CLE, December 17, 2020, 9:00-11:30am – Registration required by December 10th to receive Zoom information

A day of violence in July 1968. The causes ran deep, pitting the nonviolence philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. against the armed self-defense strategy of Malcolm X and black nationalists. Cleveland became a proving ground. It was the ballot or the bullet. Join James Robenalt as he speaks about the events he has

written about in his new book: Ballots and Bullets, Black Power Politics and Urban Guerrilla Warfare in 1968 Cleveland. The CLE program examines the roots and political aftermath of the violence in Cleveland - and discusses why race violence and police brutality still persist 50 years later.

Registration Fees: FBA Member – Free; Non-Members- \$25. **Please note – Students can become a member of the Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter for free**, so they can then attend the CLE for free. Membership form is attached to this email – email the completed form to Dean Karns to expedite processing!

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"Nuts & Bolts: The Job Search"

5 Questions with a Hiring Attorney

"Nuts & Bolts: The Job Search" is a series of short informational videos (~ 5 minutes) brought to you by the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia Employment Resources consortium, otherwise known as POWER. POWER consists of 11 law schools in our region, and is dedicated to promoting best practices in law school career development and assisting in the career success of all our students.

Each of the 11 POWER schools created a video on a different topic, designed to educate students on professionalism basics to help you develop into a well-rounded lawyer. OPD will be sharing each of these videos with you.

Today's video is with a shareholder at Roetzel & Andress, who discusses best practices for legal interviews. Click [here](#) to watch.

Job Fairs



The world's largest LGBTQ+ legal conference and legal career fair.

- 50+ Sessions
- Your year's worth of CLE credit available
- 1,700+ Law Professionals and Students
- Hundreds of In-House Counsel participants
- 150+ Recruiters

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

mpilcc

MPILCC is the Midwest's largest public interest job fair where students from law schools across the Midwest, interview for summer and post-graduate public interest jobs.

The job fair is free for students and employers.

Participants include over 300 law students, 60 employers and 30 law schools.

Held on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in Chicago.

In addition to interviewing, students can also talk informally with employers at table talk session.

Learn more on the [MPILCC website](#).

At the end of December 2020, check your inbox for further registration information.

Save the Date!

CAREERS & COFFEE

GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND JOIN
DEAN KARNS, LAURA, & KATIE TO
FIND OUT THE ANSWERS TO ALL
YOUR CAREER RELATED QUESTIONS!

*All those who attend one of the four sessions will
be entered to win a tumbler, your choice of hot
chocolate or coffee, and a Starbucks gift card!*

First session:

WEDNESDAY 12/9

2:00PM - 3:00PM

To join, log on here:
<https://utoledo.webex.com/meet/kate.schuyler>

The first session we will be discussing out of state job searches, but feel free to ask us anything. We will take questions during the event, or you can submit them anonymously in advance here: [Question Form](#)

Additional Q&A Sessions will be held: **Thursday, December 17th** at noon, **Wednesday, January 6th** at 11:00am, and **Thursday, January 14th** at 5:00pm

Legal Programs, Scholarships, and Contests



The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association

The Dr. J. Clay Smith Jr. Diversity in the Legal Profession Scholarship

The Dr. J. Clay Smith Jr. Scholarship aims to promote diversity in the legal profession and to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to pursue a legal education and complete law school. The Foundation of the FBA awards a \$15,000 scholarship to a first-year law student, disbursed over three years of the student's enrollment at an ABA-accredited law school. The recipient will also receive a complimentary FBA student associate membership.

The Foundation wishes to continue Dr. J. Clay Smith Jr.'s legacy by encouraging racial and ethnic minority students to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must exhibit high character and professionalism in their personal, professional, and academic lives as demonstrated in application materials. Applicants must submit this application, a personal essay, college transcript,

law school enrollment verification, and two letters of recommendation (these may include a letter from a professor).

The deadline to submit the scholarship application and the required documentation to the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association is November 30. Applications must be submitted via e-mail to foundation@fedbar.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Robert A. McNew Law Student Scholarship

The Robert A. McNew Law Student Scholarship promotes the practice of federal law by awarding a scholarship of \$5,000 to a law student attending an ABA accredited law school. The scholarship is named in honor of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association past president and founder of the Fellows program, Robert A. McNew, who also served as president of the FBA and a director of the Federal Bar Building Corporation. Bob has been an active member of the FBA for more than 30 years and continues to support the Foundation in his retirement.

The scholarship is awarded to a current law student who is a Federal Bar Association law student associate member in good standing.* Applicants must exhibit professionalism and high character in their personal and professional lives as demonstrated in application materials. Applicants must submit an application, a personal essay, transcript, and two letters of recommendation (these may include a letter from a professor). An award will be based on student participation in the FBA, law school, community activities, and academic achievement.

The deadline to submit the scholarship application and the required documentation to the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association is November 30. Application must be submitted via e-mail to foundation@fedbar.org. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Equality Toledo Presents: The James Wozniak Memorial Scholarship

Description:

This application is for one \$900 scholarship offered by EqualityToledo in honor of James Wozniak to outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender students, allies, or the children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender parents who have worked toward equality for community. This scholarship will be awarded to students who possess some or all of the following traits: leadership, community service, academic scholarship, and financial need. Students are encouraged to discuss their experiences with extracurricular activities, employment, financial and personal hardship, involvement in the LGBT community, and other information that will help the scholarship committee understand the applicant better.

Eligibility:

All applicants must be seventeen years or older.

All applicants must be applying to attend (or be currently attending) a fully accredited post-secondary college or vocational educational institution in Northwest Ohio or be a current permanent resident of Northwest Ohio.

There are three (3) pieces to this application: (1) General Information, (2) Four required essays, and (3) two reference letters.

Please note that if you do receive the scholarship EqualityToledo has the right to use your name and likeness to inform the community of your winning.

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2020. To apply, click here: [Scholarship](#)



LAW STUDENT
DIVERSITY CASE
COMPETITION
The Nation's First and Only



Virtual Event - January 15 & 16

A short video about the competition can be found [here](#).

Registration information can be found [here](#).

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2020.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW INITIATIVE[®]



WRITING COMPETITION

ELI WRITING COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIPS ARE PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



The Recording Academy[®], in concert with some of the nation's most prominent entertainment attorneys, established the Entertainment Law Initiative to promote discussion and debate about the most compelling legal issues facing the music industry today.

The Entertainment Law Initiative fosters future careers in entertainment law by seeking out the nation's top law students and giving them invaluable networking and educational opportunities. Now in its 23rd year, the program also includes a writing competition that offers law students the chance to win up to \$10,000 in tuition-based scholarships.

The ELI Writing Competition challenges students to identify, research and write an essay outlining a proposed solution on a compelling legal issue confronting the music industry. A nationwide panel of music law experts will judge the papers in a blind process to select a winner and two runners-up. This contest is open to Juris Doctorate (JD) and Master of Laws (LLM) candidates currently enrolled at a U.S. law school.

ONE WINNER WILL RECEIVE

\$10,000 scholarship paid on behalf of the student toward their law school tuition

A private one-hour online mentorship session with a top entertainment attorney from the ELI Executive Committee

Recognition at the online ELI program and scholarship presentation on Jan. 29, 2021

TWO RUNNERS-UP WILL RECEIVE

\$2,500 scholarship paid on behalf of the student toward their law school tuition

A private one-hour online mentorship session with a top entertainment attorney from the ELI Executive Committee

Recognition at the online ELI program and scholarship presentation on Jan. 29, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES:

Paper Submission Deadline

Jan. 4, 2021 | 10 a.m. PST (1 p.m. EST)

Winners Notified

Jan. 15, 2021

Online ELI Program and Scholarship Presentation

Jan. 29, 2021

MORE INFO:

For complete writing competition rules, deadlines, online event tickets and more information visit GRAMMY.com/ELI or contact eli@recordingacademy.com

Please visit [GRAMMY.com/ELI](https://www.grammy.com/eli) for full details including rules, deadlines, and more.

Jobs of the Week

Below are jobs for students. For full job descriptions, please click on the Job Title. Many positions hire on a rolling basis, so do not delay in applying!

Job Title	Employer Name
Intern	City of Toledo I
2021 MIRC Summer Intern	Michigan Immig
Legal Intern (During JD job)	NSF Foundatio
Law Clerk (Spring/Summer)	Churchill Smith
Thomas W. Weeks Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellowship	Ohio State Leg
Intern/Extern	U.S. District Co
Law Student Volunteer, Summer 2021	U.S. Attorney's
Summer Associate 2021	Shumaker, Loc
Summer Associate 2021	BakerHostetler
Summer Judicial Internship Diversity Project (Summer 2021)	Just the Begin
McAndrews Diversity in Patent Law Fellowship	McAndrews, H
Dave Kennedy Fellowship - Summer 2021	Institute for Jus

Summer Honors Clerkship Program	U.S. Environmental
Law Clerk Program Office of Regional Counsel (Summer)	U.S. Environmental
Law Student Volunteer, National Courts Section	Department of Justice
Summer 2021 Intern (Remote Work Possible)	Iowa Dept. of Justice
Law Student Volunteer, Office of Policy and Legislation	Department of Justice
Max Kampelman Fellowship- Summer	Commission on Sec Europe
Student Internship Program	Office of the U.S. Tr
Law Student Volunteer (Summer 2021)	San Bernadino Cour Attorney
Summer Associate	ABLE



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