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Special Reminders

• Don’t forget to register and check Symplicity (www.law.pace.edu/symplicity) on a regular basis for our calendar of events, job postings, employer recruiting and other helpful and important information.

• Meet with a CCD Career Counselor — remember, we can’t help you if we don’t know you!

• Attend a CCD or PILC program to learn about career paths and meet practicing attorneys.

SUMMER EXPERIENCES

Did you know that this past summer our students went to law firms as far away as Sydney, Australia and stayed as close to home as the Pace Energy and Climate Center? Many of our first year law students take advantage of connections we have through Pace Law School — like professor research assistant positions, our energy, environmental and legal services centers and clinics, the Pace Human Rights in Action program, the Pace International Summer Internships Abroad Program, the D.C. Environmental Externship, and the 9th Judicial District Internship Program. Upperclass law students can be found at law firms and governmental agencies and departments, like the EPA and DEC, just to name some examples.

In this newsletter you will read student accounts from a variety of summer positions. Use these essays as windows through which you can explore areas of practice that might be of interest to you.

And take the student tips to heart. That advice may be the ticket to your next job.

— Dean Rachel Littman

WHAT’S IT LIKE TO BE A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR?

John “Luke” Mason (Class of 2010) has an idea. He spent this past summer at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn). Luke summed up his summer as “an experience I will never forget.”

Some of his experiences that contributed to this incredible summer? He worked with Assistant U.S. Attorneys (AUSAs) to proffer a cooperating witness in preparation for a murder trial, sat at the prosecutor’s table and listened to the sentencing of a father and son of the Colombo crime family, and researched and wrote memoranda, including for high-profile cases still classified to the public. Other experiences available to interns include standing up in front of a federal judge representing the United States of America and making a bail argument. Other interns went to actual murder scenes.

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ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ON THE FRONTIER: A GREAT ADVENTURE IN ALASKA!

Seth Victor (Class of 2009) spent his summer at Trustees for Alaska, a non-profit, environmental firm in Anchorage, AK. "It is an exciting and interesting summer intern opportunity available to 2Ls and (occasionally) exceptional 1Ls."

Seth described the attorneys at Trustees as "all very concerned with your well-being. They offer excellent legal advice, and guide you through projects. They offer excellent feedback, including a mid-term and end of summer review of your work."

The attorneys at Trustees expect interns to be able to research legal issues thoroughly, even if that means leaving Westlaw and searching through the stacks at the courthouse. Innovation is a great asset, as many of the legal issues need to be approached in unique ways. As a non-profit public interest firm, Trustees is often fighting these legal battles uphill. Still, you can have as many or as few projects as you can handle."

Perks? You are in Alaska! The staff is fun and casual (no suits needed for daily work!) and they do an intern “fun day” which is a day/night camping/hiking excursion.

Downside? You are in Alaska, which is a bit away from home.

But it’s a great adventure and a great opportunity!

For more information, go to: http://www.trustees.org/.

AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BOUTIQUE

This past summer Nonna Akopyan (Class of 2010) worked as a summer law clerk at Collen IP, a boutique intellectual property law firm in Ossining specializing in IP litigation and prosecution. Nonna’s description of her experience is filled with exclamation points and words like “fascinating,” “interesting” and “welcoming and warm environment.”

The attorneys at Collen IP give their summer clerks “a great deal of autonomy” and interesting, substantive projects, yet were always available “to answer questions, provide feedback, confer and provide guidance.” Summer clerks attend weekly attorney meetings and even have the opportunity to make individual presentations to the firm on an IP topic of choice.

Nonna used familiar research tools such as Westlaw®, LexisNexis®, and the Federal online document and case retrieval system, PACER, as well as more innovative and focused resources like IP blogs, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) website and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) rules.

Among the projects that Nonna worked on were a statement of facts for a motion to compel and a motion to dismiss for which she researched and drafted a section. Nonna also drafted letters to clients, summarized proposed TTAB rules and recent Senate bills related to IP protection, and researched and drafted post-amendment trademark registration applications.

In all, Nonna “realized how valuable and useful the education is we receive at Pace!”. Collen IP was a “fantastic and lucky start” for her and one she would recommend for any one intersted in IP law.

For more information, go to: http://www.collenip.com/default.asp.
The Briefcase

**The Financial Industry**

**Inna Melamed (Class of 2010)** spent this past summer in the General Counsel's Office of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. In her 10-week internship program, which she obtained through our own Pace Winter Career Fair this past January, Inna rotated through the Regulatory Enforcement Group and the Global Transactional Services Group. She was also fortunate to be placed with a terrific mentor who provided general guidance and had her work on cases before the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

This unique internship allows students to rotate between a litigation group and a transaction group, giving them a breadth of experience and exposure that will ultimately help them decide which area of law they wish to pursue. In addition to an assigned mentor, interns attended regular meetings with department heads and attorneys from different departments.

Inna was exposed to matters ranging from corporate litigation, securities law, and the ins and outs of enforcement proceedings initiated by the SEC and other federal and state securities regulators.

On the transactional side, Inna focused primarily on Trade Finance, working extensively with letters of credit and accounts receivable purchase agreements.

Overall, the “experience was personally and professionally rewarding. I met great people whom I still keep in touch with,” Inna remarked. The program coordinators, she noted, were “particularly outstanding.” In fact, the summer experience “cemented my interest in corporate law, finance and securities. After completing the program, I decided to enroll in the dual degree program at Pace so that I can get an MBA to compliment my legal education.”

Do some of the terms in this article seem as unfamiliar as a scientific equation? (Dean Littman adds that when she started out as a capital markets attorney she didn’t even know what a basis point was!)

Check out some of these useful resources:
- freedictionary
- NY Time Financial Glossary

“Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him.”
— Aldous Huxley

**Public Interest — Taking a PILSO Grant Home for Local Children**

For **Brenda Hernandez (Class of 2009)**, this summer was an “amazing” opportunity to further her goal of representing children. It was also a chance for her to take her developing legal skills and her passion back to her home town of Northampton, MA, to an office of women, working collaboratively towards a heartfelt cause.

Brenda worked at Friends of Children (FOC), a nonprofit child advocacy organization for Western Massachusetts. FOC represents abused and neglected children through the National CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. She was involved in almost all aspects of FOC. She became intimately familiar with case files, spent several days in court observing CASA volunteers and met with attorneys representing children. She also assisted in a StoryCorps project, which gave former and current foster children a chance to talk about their experiences in the foster care system. On the legal research and even development side, Brenda re-searched other childrens law centers in order to inform FOC directors and help them begin a plan of implementing similar legal components within FOC.

Brenda’s position this summer was made possible in part by a PILSO grant, which helped defray costs of transportation to and from work, court and childrens’ homes and allowed her to attend field related events and dinners and take advantage of important substantive and networking opportunities.

For more information, see:
- www.friends-of-children.org
- www.nationalcasa.org
- www.storycorps.net
- Pace Public Interest Law Scholarship Organization
Federal Prosecutors—Continued from Front Cover

There were also opportunities to play interns from the Southern District of New York, visit a Detention Center and attend weekly brown bag lunch presentations.

Luke also noted that “[a]s an intern you will shadow [Assistant U.S. Attorneys], write motions, memos and sentencing letters, interview witnesses and special agents . . . and more depending upon what you make of your opportunity.”

Luke described the “AUSAs [as] an extremely bright and determined group, who could have easily worked for large firms, but chose public service instead. Some of the divisions in which they work are General Crimes, Narcotics, Human Trafficking, Organized Crime, Violent Crimes and Terrorism, and Bankruptcy.”

If you are interested in applying for a 10-week, unpaid summer internship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office — EDNY, go to: http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nye/district/LawInternship.html.

Students should note that the process for permanent, post-graduate employment with any U.S. Attorney’s office is highly competitive and requires several years of experience, usually as a litigator. But if this is your dream, a summer position with one of their offices is a good place to start.

Upcoming Programs and Events

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