

January 22, 2010**Do I qualify for “diversity” opportunities?**

“Diversity” encompasses more than race and ethnicity. Many diversity programs also seek individuals based on disability, socio-economic disadvantage (e.g. first generation college and law school graduate), gender identification, and sexual orientation. Due to underrepresentation of women in the profession, some programs are open to *all* female applicants. Read the application criteria carefully before you disqualify yourself from something for which you may be eligible.

Private Practice—Insight and Information**JANUARY 25 (NOON-1 PM), ROOM 2008****1LS, 2LS & 3LS**

Join Mike Moye, a partner of Hanson Bridgett LLP’s San Francisco office, as he discusses student preparation for job searches, interviews, and written application materials.

Mock Interviews**JANUARY 26 & JANUARY 27 (6-8 PM)****1LS, 2LS & 3LS**

Mock interview slots are *full*. If you would like to join the waitlist, please come down to the front desk of the Career Services Office.

2010 Summer Fellowship Program of the Sacramento County Bar Association Diversity Hiring & Retention Committee**JANUARY 29 (5 PM) APPLICATION DEADLINE****1LS**

The Sacramento County Bar Association is committed to promoting and increasing diversity in area law firms. The Summer Fellowship Program demonstrates that commitment by providing local minority and disadvantaged students an opportunity to work in a law firm between the first and second years of law school.

The application is available on the Symplicity document library “2010 SCBA Summer Fellowship Program”.

Public Interest Alumni/Student Mixer**FEBRUARY 4 (5:30-8:30 PM) (SUDWERK)****RSVP BY FEBRUARY 3****1LS, 2LS & 3LS**

Come network with alumni and students with experience in the public interest sector.

RSVP here.

View the announcement here.

PI/PS Day**FEBRUARY 6 (SAN FRANCISCO)****1LS, 2LS & 3LS**

Did you forget to bid? You can still attend PI/PS Day and “Meet the Advocates”. Bring your application materials with you and impress potential employers with your proactive networking and job search techniques.

Students who bid will receive an email from the Public Interest Clearinghouse on January 29 (after 2:00pm) regarding their interview status.

Industry Information**Is your resume noteworthy?**

Your resume should effectively convey why you are a valuable candidate in fewer than 30 seconds. If your resume describes you as an interesting candidate well-suited to the position, a potential employer will continue to review it. Because of the sheer number of applicants, you should assume that once information in your resume becomes superfluous or unhelpful, the reviewer will move on to the resume of the next candidate.

To avoid being overlooked, it is important to include the *right* details. The best way to accomplish this is to eliminate repetitive, non-relevant details that do not highlight your qualities, and to provide more than a generic description of your experiences. “Performed various legal work” conveys little to the reviewer while, “assisted in preparing court documents, conducted regulatory research, communicated with local and federal regulatory bodies to ensure compliance” allows the reviewer to grasp the extent of your experience. Similarly, “managed office files,” doesn’t tell the reviewer much but, “managed over 100 civil litigation case files in office of a solo practitioner” highlights time management and organizational skills. The best way to revise your resume is to embellish upon or delete anything that is so generic it can be cut and pasted into the resume of another candidate.

Want help converting your resume into a document that gets more than a 30 second review? Contact the Career Services Office at 530.752.6574 and make an appointment to meet with a career counselor.

ABA Journal—Managing Partners More Confident, Expect Increased Legal Work

“Managing partners are becoming more confident about the economic outlook for their law firms. A “confidence index” developed by Citi Private Bank Law Watch shows that managing partners haven’t been this confident since 2007, according to the Legal Intelligencer and the Wall Street Journal Law Blog. The index stands at 118 on a 200 point scale; anything above 100 indicates at optimistic outlook by managing partners, according to the executive summary (PDF posted by Law Blog).” Complete article.

**Upcoming Programs****January 25**

Presentation Mike Moye, law firm partner (noon-1)

January 26 & 27

Mock Interviews

January 29

SCBA Diversity Fellowship Application is due (5 PM)

February 4

Public Interest Alumni/Student Mixer

February 1-5

Spring OCI

February 6

PI/PS Day (San Francisco)

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A Day in the Life

Demystify Networking

3L Job Search Techniques

Judicial Clerkships

Fun Ways to Network**January 26**

King’s Basketball Fundraiser

January 27

Alumni Lunch in Palo Alto

Alumni Lunch in San Jose

January 31

Dr. Ives Basketball Tournament

February 13

LSNC’s Race for Justice

Testimonial

Finding a job in today’s competitive market is a job in and of itself. I could not imagine navigating through it without Career Services’ assistance with the difficult search and rigorous application processes. The staff members have been a tremendous resource-whether they helped me to put finishing touches on my cover letters, helped me to further develop my networking contacts, or made me aware of the other resources available to me. I am extremely grateful for their help. During these rough and discouraging economic times, the Career Services office was my ‘calm within the storm.’
Maryam Sayyed, Class of 2010