Imagine you’ve signed yourself up for your first marathon. You’ve never run a race in your life, but you’ve heard great things about what running can do for your physical and mental health. The marathon is several months away and you have no idea how to start training. What do you do?

The answer is simple: hire a trainer. An athletic coach will work with you to identify your strengths, isolate any weaknesses, and develop a training plan that suits your needs and goals. The coach is there to work with you, support you, and get you in the best shape possible to enable you to finish that marathon.

Now, apply this situation to your career. Wouldn’t it be nice to have someone with the same expertise and commitment to help guide you down the right path? Good news – you do!

Your career coach in the Office of Career & Professional Development is here to offer assistance in career planning and direction, and to put you in the best position possible to land a job that fits with your skills and aspirations.

Your career coach works with you to help construct a personal “brand” and determine how to best market yourself to employers. We’ll help you identify your strengths, as well as areas that might need improvement. We focus on your skills and interests in order to create a job search strategy that fits your needs.

The Office of Career & Professional Development has career coaches with real-world experience in a variety of legal practice areas, as well as extensive knowledge about various types of work settings. We maintain contact with alumni and former colleagues who work in a number of fields and geographic areas. In addition, we keep up with career resources, job opportunities, and the latest trends in the legal market, all in an effort to pass that information on to you.

People in career transitions often pay hundreds of dollars an hour for the services that are available to you as a Wake Forest Law student. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity! Make an appointment with your career coach, and take the first step on your path to a successful, fulfilling career.

New Resources

Looking for work in Washington D.C.? Opportunities in Public Affairs is an excellent online resource for Capitol Hill jobs, Legislative jobs, and Public Affairs and PR jobs in the Washington, DC area. The OCPD maintains a membership for your use.

Userid: Fields5487
Password: Fields
**USAJobs.gov will be inaccessible from October 6-12**

The online job application system for federal government jobs and internships, USA-Jobs.gov, will be unavailable due to system maintenance from October 6-12, 2011. During this time you will be unable to conduct job searches, apply for jobs, or receive application status updates.

If you are applying for a summer position with the federal government, you should strongly consider completing your application before October 6 to ensure that your submission is on time. At this time, there is no indication that any government agency intends to extend application deadlines.

Relevant positions for 2Ls that may be impacted by this system maintenance are:
- EEOC Office of Legal Counsel – October 14, 2011 deadline
- SEC Summer Honors Law Program – October 14, 2011 deadline
- DOE Law Student Intern Program – October 15, 2011 deadline
- Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor – October 29, 2011 deadline

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**NATIONAL LAW REVIEW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION**

Submissions are now being accepted for consideration for publication in the November issue of the National Law Review. The winning articles from this month’s NLR 2011 Law Student Writing Competition will be published online in November 2011. The top article(s) chosen will be featured on the NLR home page. Up to 5 runner-up articles may also be posted in the NLR searchable database. More information on the competition is available at [http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition](http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition)

Submission deadline is **Monday, October 17**

Suggested topics: Intellectual Property Law, Tax Law, Labor & Employment Law

Don’t miss this chance to build your resume and a professional online presence that will help you stand out in an increasingly competitive job market.

* Publicly display legal knowledge and skills.
* Photo, biography, and contact information will be posted with each article, allowing for professional recognition and exposure.
* Winning articles are published alongside those written by respected attorneys from Am Law 200 and other prominent firms as well as from other respected professional associations.
* Now more than ever, business development skills are expected from law firm associates earlier in their careers. NLR wants to give law students valuable experience generating consumer-friendly legal content of the sort which is included for publication in law firm client newsletters, law firm blogs, bar association journals and trade association publications.
* Student postings will remain in the NLR online database for up to two years, easily accessed by potential employers.

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*Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still.*

- Chinese Proverb
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sports & Entertainment Law Panel**  
**October 5** 12:00-1:30pm

“Capital Defense”  
A Lunchtime Discussion on Capital Murder Defense  
**October 7** 12:00–1:30pm  
RSVP in Symplicity to reserve your complimentary lunch

**OCPD Pre-Fall Break Marathon Day: Quick Questions for 2Ls and 3Ls**  
**October 10** 9:30am-3:00pm

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**JOB LISTINGS**

**Northern Virginia Capital Defender Office** – Arlington, VA  
The VIDC Internship Program is designed to expose law students and undergraduates to all aspects of work as a Public Defender. Interns work with mentors assigned to them in the Public Defender Office to assist with case preparation and observe misdemeanor and felony criminal trials in general district, juvenile and circuit courts. Third year practice qualified students gain trial experience under the supervision of VIDC attorneys. VIDC interns have daily contact with a wide spectrum of agencies involved in the criminal justice system as well as meeting with bondsmen, probation officers, magistrates, Commonwealth Attorneys, police officers, substance abuse counselor and clients in the course of their duties. Additionally, VIDC interns may also interview clients, perform legal research, assist with investigation, visit various correctional centers, the Virginia Appellate Courts, the Division of Forensic Science, drug courts, and substance abuse treatment facilities. More information available at [http://www.publicdefender.state.va.us/](http://www.publicdefender.state.va.us/)  
Application deadline: **November 1, 2011**

**Southern Poverty Law Center** – Atlanta, GA  
The Immigrant Justice Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center offers summer internships to exceptional law students who possess strong academic backgrounds, excellent research and writing skills, and a commitment to public interest law. Proficiency in Spanish is also desired. The Immigrant Justice Project represents low-income immigrant workers in high-impact civil rights and employment cases throughout nine states in the South. Focus areas include: federal civil rights litigation addressing anti-immigrant laws, law enforcement abuse of immigrants, and other governmental discrimination against immigrants; and litigation under the Fair Labor Standards Act, Agricultural Worker Protection Act, and Title VII, RICO, and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. In addition, Esperanza: The Immigrant Women’s Legal Initiative is a project within the Immigrant Justice Project that handles litigation in ten southern states and participates in nation-wide advocacy to address sexual harassment and gender discrimination experienced by low-wage immigrant women workers. Application deadline: **October 21, 2011**
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Suffolk University Law School International Internship Program

International internships are available to JD students for credit in conformity with the American Bar Association guidelines, and to LLM students, Certificate students, and other post-graduates with law degrees. Internships are available in Europe, the Americas, and Asia. A map of internship placements is available here.

New placements are added all the time. If you wish to use a personal contact in a location where no existing internship is presently offered, Suffolk will facilitate the process on your behalf. Interested students should complete the Pre-Application Form. If you wish to know your placement viability prior to applying for an internship, in order to be placed, students must adhere to the application procedures.

Applications must be received before February 1, 2012.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Staying in the Game: Overcoming Job Search Fatigue

Incubators Give Birth to Flocks of Solo Practitioners

NEWS & NOTES

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW THE OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON FACEBOOK AND READ OUR BLOG FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CAREER INFORMATION!