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.

User Id: Fields5487
Password: Fields

Considering a fellowship? The 2011-12 Comprehensive Fellowship Guide is now available in the OCPD office. Don’t miss this valuable resource, which includes descriptions and deadlines for organization-based fellowships, research/academic fellowships, fellowship sponsors, and other fellowship funding sources.
**Announcements**

**USAJobs.gov will be inaccessible from October 6-12**

The online job application system for federal government jobs and internships, USAJobs.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 3Ls that may be impacted by this system maintenance are:
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Louis D. Brandeis Attorney Honors Program – October 5, 2011 deadline
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honors Program – October 15, 2011 deadline
- NLRB Honors Program – October 15, 2011 deadline
- Department of Labor Honors Program – October 21, 2011 deadline
- HUD Office of General Counsel – October 28, 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.
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

Job Listings

Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship at Georgetown University Law Center
The Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program (WLPPFP) offers Fellowships for public interest lawyers from the United States who are committed to advancing women's rights throughout their careers. Throughout the Fellowship year, participants gain invaluable experience by working on women's issues in Washington, DC with a public interest organization or governmental agency and by participating in educational and professional development opportunities provided by WLPPFP. More information and a link to the application is available at http://www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp/USProgram/index.html. Application deadline is December 1, 2011.

2011 Department of Labor Honors Program
The Honors Program in the Office of the Solicitor is designed for 3Ls who are interested in a public service career handling a broad range of labor and employment matters in one of the preeminent legal offices in government. The Office of the Solicitor (SOL) is the legal department of the U.S. Department of Labor. The approximately 500 attorneys in SOL enforce and interpret occupational and mine safety and health laws, civil rights laws, pension and health benefit laws, minimum wage and overtime requirements, and whistleblower protections. SOL also provides legal services to programs that pay Federal benefits to the victims of occupational diseases and accidents, provide grants in support of employment and training programs, and administer unemployment benefits. In all, SOL is responsible for the legal work under more than 180 labor and employment laws. About half of the SOL attorneys are in the National Office in Washington, D.C. and the rest work in one of the 14 regional and branch offices across the country. Those offices are located in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Cleveland, Denver, Nashville, Los Angeles and Arlington, Virginia. More information is available at http://www.dol.gov/sol/honorsprogram.htm. Application deadline is October 21, 2011.

CHECK SYMPlicity regularly for THE LATEST LISTINGS!

The significance of a man is not in what he attains but in what he longs to attain.
- Kahlil Gibran
JOB LISTINGS (CONT.)

Louis D. Brandeis Attorney Honors Program – Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a new federal agency devoted solely to guarding the economic strength and vitality of America's families, seeks to hire its first class of Louis D. Brandeis Fellows to participate in its attorney honors program, starting in the fall of 2012.

Brandeis Fellows will work on substantive projects of broad scope and complexity. During the two-year program, Brandeis Fellows will be assigned to work with attorneys within an assigned office, and will be given increasingly complex assignments designed to build their legal skills and increase their ability to support the CFPB's mission. In addition, all attorneys will have opportunities for rotational assignments outside their immediate offices. Rotations may be in other CFPB offices, but may also include other federal agencies, such as the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. Successful completion of the program normally will result in conversion to a permanent appointment. More information and a link to the application is available at http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=102438029.

Application deadline is October 5, 2011.

Esther Peterson Fellow at Consumers Union
Consumers Union, the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports and ConsumerReports.org, is looking for a law school graduate or graduate-level policy analyst to work for two years as the Esther Peterson Fellow in its Washington D.C. Office.
The Esther Peterson Fellow will receive hands-on experience and training in advocacy on consumer issues at the federal legislative and executive branch level. Responsibilities include legal research and writing, bill analysis, lobbying Congress and administrative agencies, and filing petitions at administrative agencies. More information is available at https://jobs-consumers.icims.com/jobs/2071/job.

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!