

# 2L CAREER PLANNING UPDATE



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## GOING HOME FOR THANKSGIVING?

If you're going home for Thanksgiving, here are three effortless things you can do to further your job search.

You might be asking, how can Thanksgiving dinner help with my job search? Can't I just enjoy my turkey and football and not think about the job market for one day? Of course you can. But there are a couple of simple things you can do that don't require leaving the comfort of your home - you never know what might pay off!

First, **tell people that you are looking for a job.** You should be doing this anyway. Your kooky Aunt Sally might just happen to know



someone in the field of your interest.

Second, **share what you've been learning.** You can pull this off without seeming obnoxious. For example, if the turkey is dry, don't start talking about what section of the UCC you can sue under. But if there's a subject you enjoy,

getting into a debate with your cousins about it might just highlight an area of practice that interests you and help you focus your job search.

Finally, **manage the expectations of your family and friends.** Are you feeling pressure from them about the job search? Do their expectations seem unrealistic? Be up front about your plan and tell them about your strategy.

Most importantly, don't forget to enjoy the holiday! Take the time to listen to what's going on in other people's lives and get some perspective on life outside of law school.

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST



[10 Ways for Lawyers to Find Their Inner Steve Jobs](#)

[Tips for phone or Skype interviews](#)

[Young lawyers need to learn the business of the law](#)



*Nothing is more  
honorable than a  
grateful heart.  
~Seneca*

## UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

### CRIMINAL LAW WEBINAR: CASE & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Winter Criminal Law Webinar: Case and Legislative Update will cover recent criminal law decisions issued by the North Carolina appellate courts and U.S. Supreme Court and will highlight significant criminal law legislation enacted by the General Assembly. School of Government faculty members John Rubin and Alyson Grine will discuss a wide range of issues affecting felony and misdemeanor cases in the North Carolina state courts. The webinar is cosponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government and the Office of Indigent Defense Services.

The webinar, broadcast live from the School of Government, includes a dynamic visual presentation, live audio, and interactive Q & A. This webinar is open to public defenders, private attorneys who do or are interested in doing indigent criminal defense work, and other court actors who handle criminal cases.

The webinar will be held on **Friday, December 9 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.** Plan to sign on 15 minutes before the start of the webinar in order to test your connection.

**Registration:** Visit [www.sog.unc.edu/node/1180/sog-program/view-offering/161](http://www.sog.unc.edu/node/1180/sog-program/view-offering/161) to register online and find additional information about the webinar. **Preregistration is required; the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7.**

**Fee:** The registration fee for private attorneys/others is \$65. The webinar is free for IDS state employees, thanks to support from the Office of Indigent Defense Services.

**CLE Credit & Certification:** The webinar offers 2.0 hours of general CLE credit and qualifies for NC State Bar criminal law specialization credit. (In order to receive CLE credit, all participants must preregister individually, even if the webinar is watched in a group setting.) As it is a live broadcast, the webinar is NOT subject to the State Bar's 4-hour per year credit limit for computer-based CLE.

**For More Information:** Contact Meredith Wales, continuing education director for indigent defense education, at [mwales@sog.unc.edu](mailto:mwales@sog.unc.edu) or [919.966.4227](tel:919.966.4227).

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

The OCPD has put together a new document summarizing loan forgiveness and income-based repayment options for law students. The summary is available on the OCPD website and contains links to helpful online resources, details on eligibility, and other vital information.

**Student Loan Resources:**

**Information about income-based repayment:** <http://ibrinfo.org/>

**General information on student loan repayment:** <http://askheatherjarvis.com/>

**ABA Resources on Student Loan Repayment & Forgiveness:**

[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/resources/student\\_loan\\_repayment\\_and\\_forgiveness.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/student_loan_repayment_and_forgiveness.html)

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# JOB LISTINGS

CHECK SYMPPLICITY FOR DETAILS ON  
THESE AND OTHER LISTINGS!

## US Attorney's Office (Charlotte, NC) Volunteer Summer Law Clerk

The Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina is responsible for the prosecution of all federal crimes in western North Carolina. The office also represents the United States and its departments and agencies in civil proceedings filed in federal court. Volunteer law clerks assist in the prosecution of criminal cases and the prosecution and defense of civil cases in the District Court, the Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, and the Bankruptcy Court.

Law clerks can expect to research and write motions and briefs in pending cases; to research legal issues for indictments and investigations; to assist Assistant United States Attorneys in preparing for criminal trials, including assembling exhibits, drafting jury instructions including assembling exhibits, drafting jury instructions and compiling exhibit and witness lists; and attending hearings and trials as work schedules permit. With a full time staff of 38 litigating AUSAs in the office, there is never a shortage of legal research and writing projects for our interns.

## Environmental Protection Agency - Office of General Counsel (New York, NY)

The Office of Regional Counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2 is currently looking for current law students for our Summer internships. Our office, which is headquartered in New York City, has approximately 80 lawyers who are engaged in a wide variety of counseling, enforcement, and defensive litigation work relating to virtually all major federal environmental laws, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the federal Superfund law. EPA Region 2's jurisdiction spans the states of New York and New Jersey, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Information regarding EPA Region 2 may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/>.

For many years, the Office of Regional Counsel has had a robust legal internship program, both during the school year and the summer months. Our interns obtain excellent experience in the review, analysis, and discussion of legal issues arising in our environmental matters.

Law students wishing to apply for a Summer internship are encouraged to apply as early as possible and by **no later than December 15th**.

## East Bay Community Law Center (Berkeley, CA)

The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is seeking full-time interns for its 2012 Summer Program. EBCLC is the community-based clinic for Berkeley Law School (University of California, Boalt Hall) during the academic year. During our summer session, EBCLC welcomes students from all law schools.

The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is a nationally-recognized poverty law clinic founded by Boalt students in 1988 with the dual mission of providing high quality legal services to low-income clients and first-rate clinical education to law students. EBCLC provides free civil legal services to low-income residents of Alameda County, California.

The summer session is ten weeks long, Tuesday, May 29, 2012 to Friday, August 3, 2012. Interns are expected to work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Workloads in any given week may vary due to the nature of a live client practice, but you will not regularly be required to work more hours than anticipated.

## US Department of Justice - Middle District of Florida

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida is responsible for civil and criminal federal prosecutions. The District has five offices located in Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Ocala and Fort Myers which cover a jurisdictional area of thirty-five counties in the State of Florida. There are approximately 119 Assistant U.S. Attorneys serving in the District.

Interns assigned to the Middle District of Florida United States Attorney's Office can expect to provide support to Assistant U.S. Attorneys by performing legal research, assisting in or drafting briefs and pleadings, assembling exhibits for trial and participating in witness conferences. They will have the opportunity to observe hearings and trials on which they are working or in which they are interested. Interns are encouraged to participate in available District and court sponsored training opportunities.

Internship location(s): Tampa (15), Orlando (7), Jacksonville (9), Fort Myers (2); Ocala (1)

*As we express our  
gratitude, we must  
never forget that  
the highest  
appreciation is not  
to utter words, but  
to live by them.*

*~ John F. Kennedy*

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## NEW WEBINAR ON USING SOCIAL MEDIA IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

Lexis has a new presentation on using social media to aid in your job search. You can access the webinar here: [http://us.meeting-stream.com/reedelsevierlexisnexis\\_ivnik\\_111011](http://us.meeting-stream.com/reedelsevierlexisnexis_ivnik_111011)



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### NEWS & NOTES

**Coming soon.....**

Don't miss our final edition of the OCPD Newsletter

#### **Things to Do Over Winter Break**

It will include useful tips about making the most of your time off, and important information about job searching during break.

Plan to keep and review this important resource!

