

3L 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 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 or [919.966.4227](tel:919.966.4227).

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

JOB LISTINGS

CHECK SYMPPLICITY FOR DETAILS ON
THESE AND OTHER LISTINGS!

Hunton & Williams LLP (Charlotte, NC)

Entry Level Corporate Associate

The Charlotte Corporate Team seeks an entry-level associate to join its Structured Finance and Securitization practice group in the Fall of 2012. Applicants should demonstrate the capacity for success with a distinguished record of academic achievement and excellent written and verbal communication skills (law review or journal experience preferred). Prior work and leadership experiences also are valued. Students graduating in the spring or summer of 2012, as well as Judicial clerks are encouraged to apply. A resume, transcript and cover letter will need to be uploaded to the site when you apply online.

Job #11-0187 (If you wish to submit an application, this number will be necessary for your online submission.) All applicants must apply online by visiting the Careers section of www.hunton.com or by clicking <http://www.huntoncareers.com/lawstudents/apply/>.

New York City Police Department (New York, NY)

The New York City Police Department, in partnership with the New York City Law Department, is pleased to announce the continuation of the NYPD Law Graduate Fellowship. The goal of the Fellowship is to enhance the overall understanding of the complex and unique legal challenges presented in law enforcement through the early training and professional development of outstanding law school graduates.

During the first year, the Fellow will work at the NYPD under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner, Legal Matters and his immediate staff, and will carry out a broad variety of tasks while working with key officials of the NYPD. The following two post-fellowship years will be spent as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department.

All applications for September 2012 must be received on or before December 16, 2011 in order to be considered.

*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

LINKEDIN AND YOUR JOB SEARCH

If you are looking for a job and don't have a [LinkedIn](#) profile, create one. More and more employers are researching your online footprint, and you want to have the most professional appearance possible.

Here are some tips for using LinkedIn for professional networking:

- **Have a complete and polished profile.** In the "headline," include more than just "JD Candidate at Wake Forest Law." Add something about your experience or interest, e.g. "J.D. Candidate interested in Intellectual Property." Fill in your profile as you would your resume, then flesh it out with detailed skills, achievements, and experiences.
- **Find the right connections.** Join Groups such as the Wake Forest Law Students & Alumni Group and Wake Forest Career Connectors. This is a great way to find networking connections, including attorneys practicing in your field of interest. Check your undergraduate school to see if they have an alumni group on LinkedIn.
- **Learn as much as you can about the tools available on LinkedIn.** The site gives you the opportunity to learn more about people you're interested in meeting, participate in professional discussions, and find job opportunities that may not be posted elsewhere.

Although you should never underestimate the effectiveness of traditional networking, online networking affords an opportunity to have a broader reach and can be an important addition to your job search toolbox.



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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



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!

