Websites with Legal Job Postings

Before embarking on an Internet search for a new job, you should first make yourself familiar with the Career Center website, http://www.law.duke.edu/career/. There are many resources on it, including such things as charts showing where Duke Law students have been employed in previous summers (this may be a good starting place for you). The CPDC website also has links to many of the sites listed below, an alumni directory (great for networking), information on job fairs and many other resources. There are specific summer job related publications and links on the CPDC website as well, such as the Government Honors and Internships Program materials. Other places to look are:

- National Association for Law Placement (www.nalpdirectory.com) has an on-line directory of legal employers that includes employers who hire for summer job.

- The National Association of Law Placement also has a website for public interest jobs (www.PSLawNet.org). It lists summer jobs, career fairs, places to apply for funding for a public interest job and more. It also contains links to many other resources for finding jobs with a more particular focus (Native American Issues, Women’s Issues, etc.)

- NALP 2007-2008 Federal Legal Employment Guide. The Guide is now available through the NALP website in PDF format at (http://www.nalp.org/assets/859_0708fedlegalempguide.pdf). It is produced in collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service and the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, this guide is a comprehensive source of information on federal departments and agencies as well as the federal government hiring process. This year’s guide has been redesigned to include profiles of government attorneys and additional tips for success in the federal government job search. Similarly, specific Hiring Program Information has been omitted for the 2007-2008 year since the Public Service Committee and users indicated that the University of Arizona Law School’s Government Honors and Internship Handbook provided a more comprehensive and up-to-the minute source for the specific hiring information. (For information on the Arizona Handbook, visit http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm)

- Used in conjunction, the two guides provide students and graduates valuable and current information on federal government employment opportunities.

- The National Association of Law Placement has a section for job notices for legal career services, recruitment, professional development, and related positions (http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=393).

- The NAWL Career Center (http://careers.nawl.org/) offers employers targeted access to quality women professionals, along with quick and easy job posting and online job activity reports.

- Student members of the American Bar Association ($25 membership) can access their on-line job listings at http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/jobs.html. Many of the posted jobs require experience.

- The Idealist (www.idealista.org) has listings of international nonprofit organizations by region. The site also contains listings of internships, jobs, and volunteer opportunities with international NGOs.

- Public Interest Jobs & Internships (www.palidan.com/public.htm). This site provides links to various national and state legal public interest organizations (& to the job opportunities offered at each).
• Environmental Law Internships by State (http://www.internships-usa.com/). Note that you will need a user name and password to access this. One can be attained from the Career Center.

• Public Interest Clearinghouse (www.pic.org) this site contains a link to various summer grants & fellowships in the public interest field.

• Federal law clerk information (https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov) there is an online database that allows prospective applicants to search a national database of federal law clerk vacancies.

• Jobs with the Department of Justice (http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/) including summer jobs and jobs under the Honors Program.

• Look on-line, or call directly, State Attorney Generals’ Offices, local District Attorneys’ offices, and state or local Public Defenders’ Offices. Some list summer jobs on their websites, others can tell you if you call them directly. These jobs may or may not pay summer associates (in which case alternate funding may be available elsewhere).

• Martindale Hubbell does not have job listings but does have excellent resources for finding networking contacts: www.martindale.com

• Many State Bars or State Bar Associations have job listings and information for networking contacts. You can get to many of these through the Career Services Website at Career Links.

• For international opportunities, the ABA Section of International Law's 2008 International Internship Program (http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/internprofiles.html) list several legal job announcements for various countries around the world.

• Already Bored (http://www.alreadybored.com) provides useful salary information for a multitude of law firms. This site also contains a small list of job postings.

• Vault/MCCA Law Firm Diversity Database (http://extranet.vault.com/lawdiversity/) has job postings, statistics and other crucial information on diversity.

• There are some websites that list legal jobs that require payment of a fee to use the site. Some of these sites may list summer jobs, but you are encouraged to confirm this before signing up. They include: www.lawcrossing.com, http://www.emplawyernet.com, and www.attorneyjobs.com.

• Some sites can be searched for summer jobs but may not list any. For example, www.careers.findlaw.com does search for summer jobs but there may be none listed in a particular state or practice area.

• For people unsure about continuing in law after graduation JDSnub Blog (http://www.jdsnub.typepad.com) contains stories from people who graduated from law school but decided to pursue other careers.

Other websites with legal job postings (many of these list permanent jobs but not summer jobs):
www.lawyersweekly.com
www.lawbulletin.com (Chicago Daily Law Bulletin)
www.lawjobs.com
www.careerbuilder.com
http://jobstick.com/
www.lawcareers.net (British site)
www.lex.net (British site)
www.usajobs.opm.gov (Federal jobs)
www.chronicle.com/jobs (online job site for the Chronicle of Higher Education)
www.CollegeGrad.com (claims to be the "#1 entry level job site for college students and recent grads." It does have quite a few attorney postings, but only a few intern positions.)