Recent Articles for the Job Hunt

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It is never too early for law students to begin to prepare for finding the next clerkship or the first attorney position. Below are some articles written in the last year that provide advice on such preparation:


Detliff, Teresa. Advice From the Inside: How I Got a U.N. Internship, Student Lawyer, Mar./Apr./May 2017, at 8. While a law student, author was hired as a legal intern for the United Nations at the International Criminal Tribunal. She provides advice on how to prepare and apply for such a position.

Hermann, Richard L. Employment Insight: Compliance Careers: J.D.s Wanted, National Jurist, Spring 2017, at 8. Article discusses options available in pursuing careers dealing with regulatory compliance, both from the agency side and the industry side.

Employment Tips: How to Dress for an Interview, National Jurist, Spring 2017, at 7. Two experts give tips on what to wear and what not to wear to a law job interview.

Mantis, Hillary. Job Search Hotline: Get Your Job Search Started Off on the Right Foot, National Jurist, Back to School 2017, at 38. Article gives advice on resumes, interviews and other important steps to take in pursing a law position while in law school or right out of law school.


Mo, Irene. Build Your Own: Maximize Your Job Prospects by Building Your Knowledge in Disciplines Beyond the Law.

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Student Lawyer, Nov./Dec. 2017, at 18. Author states that it is important to develop a deep level of understanding of disciplines outside the law in order to better work with experts in those areas as well as to bring concepts from other disciplines into your legal arguments. The article indicates that students should seek out opportunities to be exposed to other disciplines, and those will result in better job opportunities in the future.

Montgomery, Blake. 6,250:1: Remaining Relevant as a Rural Lawyer? It’s All About Ratios, TYL, Winter 2017, at 7. Recently graduated small town attorney discusses the advantages of practicing in a small town.

Moser, Annalee Hickman. Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Law Librarian?, Student Lawyer, Nov./Dec. 2017, at 4. Law graduate who originally intended to have a traditional legal career discusses her decision to become a law librarian. She discusses the roles that a law librarian performs, the necessary academic background for a law librarian, ways of getting started in such a career, and the job market.


Tucker, Lynae. Put Your J.D. to Its Greatest Advantage, Student Lawyer, Jan./Feb. 2017, at 10. “J.D. advantage” careers are those that do not necessarily require a law degree but give a law graduate a leg up in obtaining such a job. This article discusses such career options as well as providing ways to narrow such a search.

Tucker, Lynae. Is Politics Your Passion?, Student Lawyer, Jan./Feb. 2017, at 18. This article lists various types of political careers that law graduates may be interested in pursuing as well as discussing how to get your foot in the door of such a career.

If you have any questions concerning how to access these articles, please see the reference librarians, Ed Craig or Leigh Jones, for help.

Welcome Back for the Spring Semester!!
Exploring Sports and the Law: 10 Books for Your Reading List

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This time of year can be exciting for sports fans everywhere. Grand slam tennis is being enjoyed at the Australian Open. Spring training for Major League Baseball will begin in about a month. NCAA basketball will soon enter tournament season and March Madness will be upon us. Right now, football fans are preparing for Super Bowl parties. And, to the delight of college football fans in Alabama, a home team has just, again, captured a national championship title. Sports fans are really, really enjoying themselves, right now.

With all of the sports fun that is going around, it seems like a good time to explore the many ways that law and sport interact. In order to help you do that, the following books from the Law Library's collection are available for your use.


The Little Book of Basketball Law. Melissa Altman Linsky. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2013. (KF3989 .L56). "Each chapter title poses a question or premise, which the text then answers and discusses by telling the story of one or more cases."


The Little Book of Skiing Law. Cecil C. Kuhne III. American Bar Association, 2013. (KF3989 .K64). Examines "whether the particular risks the skier is about to encounter have been voluntarily assumed."

about antitrust issues, real estate law, and labor matters.

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Missi Bennett, Law Library Assistant for Reader Services, achieved her five year service award from Samford University in January 2018. Many of you see Missi each day at the Circulation Desk. Congratulate her on this award!!

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**Back Up Your Data!**

by Grace Simms, Information Technology Librarian
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If you care about something – you should have it stored in at least two places. Here’s an interesting article about storage methods and how they may fail in the future: https://www.today.com/money/why-your-digital-photos-might-die-your-grandkids-see-them-ID80395921.

You should also backup your data to protect yourself from hard drive crashes, viruses/malware, theft, and damage to your computer (liquid, etc.).

There are so many ways to store data – USB drives, backup hard drives, and cloud services. Remember that physical drives have a life span. I don’t like to keep any backup hard drives for longer than four or five years. I recommend putting a “birthday” sticky note on the drive so you’ll know when to start thinking about purchasing a new one. When a hard drive, (USB, DVD, etc.) fails, please don’t throw it away. Bring any recyclables to me and I will have them destroyed.

Backup hard drives come in a variety of size options. Some are wireless while others need to be physically connected to the computer. I prefer the Western Digital brand of backup hard drives.

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**Don’t miss the February issue of Check It Out!**
If you choose to use an external drive for data backup, do not leave it plugged into your computer all the time. In the event of a ransomware attack, your data will be safe if not connected to a device that is connected to the Internet. Leaving it plugged into a device connected to the Internet will allow the ransomware to attack the backed up data as well.


CDs and DVDs also fail over time. I don’t recommend them as a solution for long-term storage.

With the cloud there are numerous choices. This website goes over many of them: https://www.lifewire.com/online-backup-services-reviewed-2624712.

Most of these services will have a free option with a restricted amount of GB. After that, there will be monthly or yearly fees. I have used Mozy, Carbonite, and iCloud. All work well and are easy to access. With cloud services you may need to be concerned about security and lifespan of the company where your data is stored.

My advice is to keep your data in at least two places and stay on top of the integrity of the data. Even if you have printed your photos, you need to select the correct photo paper and the best method to preserve them.

Several students this past semester used iCloud, OneDrive, and others for cloud storage. For unknown reasons the backups had failed. Whether you use a physical drive or the cloud, check on the backups every so often to be sure they are running. You can do this by logging into the service or looking at the physical backup drive’s content.

If you need help with any of the above – including choosing and using a backup drive, etc. – please email me at glsimms@samford.edu, Grace Simms, Information Technology Librarian.

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