Incoming First Year Law Students: Jumpstart Your Career Success

July 28, 2022
Webinar Agenda

• Welcome/Introductions
  – Your Career Coaches
  – Panelists: Syracuse Law Alum and Current Students
• Quick Introduction to Office of Career Services
• Panelists Share Practical Learnings and Tips for Success
• Key Takeaways for Strategic Approach to Career Success
• Questions
New Office of Career Services Team and Strategy

+ Part Time Special Advisor
+ JDi Student Work Study Social Media Ambassador
What We Say to Our Students

- **Proactive.** Be proactive and deeply engaged in your career planning strategies.

- **Impactful.** Actionable tools and opportunities for students to learn and master career strategies through virtual and in-person programs and targeted counseling.

- **Successful.** We help you enhance your job search strategies, broaden your industry and legal practice knowledge, and develop key career skills that will help you thrive and continue to be successful throughout your legal career.
We Encourage Them: Be the CEO of Your Career

• **Continuous Learner.** Attend OCS Virtual and In-Person Programs.

• **Expand Possibilities.** Follow OCS Instagram and LinkedIn Page.

• **Build Your Brand.** Robust LinkedIn Profile. Strategic Social Media Posts.

• **Build Relationships.** Raise Your Hand to Help Other Students and Faculty. Moderate Programs with Alum and Outside Speakers.

• **Give Back.** Volunteer (e.g., Sept 2022 Alumni Weekend).
We Encourage Students to Use Curated Virtual Resources

- Our Virtual Resources web page provides curated research guides on law firms and agencies, networking tools, virtual programs to sharpen their interview skills, and multiple job boards to explore career opportunities.
We Created an Instagram Account to Expand Our Student Outreach
We Encourage Students to be Active LinkedIn Users and Connect with Us
Learning from Our Panelists
Ursula Simmons is a 2019 graduate from Syracuse University College of Law. Before law school, Ursula received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a minor degree in French Language and Literature. Ursula currently works as an Assistant Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC, where she serves as a trial attorney litigating asylum cases and other forms of relief before an Immigration Judge. A majority of Ursula’s cases in immigration court encompass issues of national security and human rights law, as it relates to individuals seeking to enter the United States.
Marissa S. Jackson is originally from Chattanooga, TN and attended the University of Tennessee where she majored in Business Administration. She completed a dual juris doctor and master’s degree program at the College of Law and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications that focused on the intersectionality of business, media, and the law. She currently works as a Trademark Attorney at the U.S Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Prior to joining USPTO, Ms. Jackson worked as an Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, and clerked for the Honorable Donine Carrington Martin in the Circuit Court for Charles County, Maryland.
Syracuse Law Alum Evan Richard

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Syracuse Law Student (JDi) Penny Quinteros

Penny was born in Butte, Montana and lives in the Seattle, Washington area. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and her Master’s degree in Creative Writing and Poetics both from the University of Washington. Previously she worked for the Social Security Administration and also worked many types of jobs including as an Uber driver. She came to the College of Law with a strong interest in suing businesses, but while at the College of Law found that she was drawn to legal theory and how the law is adapting to new technologies. She has participated in Law Review, Advocacy Honor Society, and the Student Bar Association and thinks JDi students have great opportunities for extracurricular engagement at the College of Law. Penny is married with two teenage children and knows the struggles of balancing law school with home life. She’s happy to have you email her with questions or if you just want to chat.
Lucas is a second-year law student from Miami Beach, Florida. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Legal Studies & Sociology. Before Law School, he worked for the software company Oracle for nearly five years. This summer, he interned with the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Florida. In the fall, he will participate in Syracuse's Travis H.D. Lewin Advocacy Honors Society on the Arbitration Competition Team, serve as an Associate Editor for the *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*, and advise companies with the Syracuse Innovation Law Center.
Thank You.

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