

COVID-19 Update from Career Services: Fall 2020 On Campus
Interview (OCI) and Resume Collect Program (Sent April 8, 2020)

Dear Students:

I hope this note finds you healthy and safe. Today, I not only want to remind you that my team and I are here to help answer your questions concerning career exploration and your plans for the summer and beyond. I write with important news concerning our Fall 2020 OCI and Resume Collect Program.

Over the course of the last month, my team and I have had conversations with many of you, College of Law alumni, and our employer partners who regularly recruit from the College of Law regarding the impact of COVID-19 on your plans and projections and theirs. We have also consulted with our peers at other law schools concerning recruiting plans for the remainder of 2020.

Not surprisingly, COVID-19 is impacting the field in disparate ways. Hiring needs are as unclear as the path of COVID-19. That said, on a positive note, reports from the field also include long term projections of robust demand to help respond to the damage – and the opportunities – generated by COVID-19. What has been crystal clear is the immediate need to examine and re-evaluate our plans for supporting you and employer recruitment plans in the short term, which we have done.

Today, we are announcing that our **Fall 2020 On-Campus Interview (OCI) and Resume Collect Program is postponed** until January 2021. Thus, we will offer one combined Fall 2020/Spring 2021 OCI program with a likely start date of January 25, 2021. This combined OCI and Resume Collect Program will offer Summer 2021 recruitment opportunities for students who have, at a minimum, completed the full 1L curriculum by May 2021, and post-graduate opportunities for students who will complete their degree by May 2021. We will continue to consult with you and our employer partners and alumni to inform the exact timing and details of the program.

This postponement not only reflects the instantly disruptive impact of COVID-19 on you and our profession. It will also yield the benefit of another semester's grades for our students. With the impact of COVID-19 on our grading policies, another semester's worth of grades will make for a more complete presentation of your qualifications.

I understand this decision may cause some anxiety. I am confident, however, that this decision is best for all of our students. Please remember that our office is fully operational. There are many ways to advance your career exploration in advance of the events impacted

by today's decision. Please reach out to me and my team in the Office of Career Services at the earliest opportunity to review your needs, plans and ideas.

Stay well, and be in touch,

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