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College of Law  
Career Services and  
Professional Development

# CAREER CLIPS

August 2023: 1L Welcome Edition



## NEW BEGINNINGS

Approaching the fall term, we are excited to be looking into a bright future with you all on campus! We welcome you to the college and want you to know we are here to support you through the 1L year and beyond.



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The office of Career Services & Professional Development is here to help you navigate through this adventure! Please don't hesitate to reach out with all the questions that will arise in the coming months. A career in law is exhilarating, exhausting and can be overwhelming. Let us support your unique path and journey. We're so excited you're here!

*Please note: Ashli will be on maternity leave October through December 2023, but will be planning accordingly for her absence.*

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# LET'S GET STARTED

## **SUMMER CRASH COURSE**

Please take time in the upcoming weeks to review the summer crash course for incoming 1L students. It can be found online [HERE](#).

## **RESUME UPDATE!**

Make an effort to convert/edit your resume based upon the linked video. Additional materials, samples and video clips can be found in the [Resource Library](#) in POKES.

## **POKES**

You should have received a welcome email granting you access to our online job posting database and professional services platform, POKES. Check your spam folder if you haven't received that email, then allow emails from [notifications@law-uwyo.12twenty.com](mailto:notifications@law-uwyo.12twenty.com) because there will be other emails from that address in the future.

POKES houses all jobs posted through our office, appointment scheduling with Ashli, job material resources, your profile information and documents, career focused event information, and much more!

If you've not done so already, click [HERE](#) to log in to your new POKES account (click "Sign up for an account"). Then customize your profile with your target career goals and industry preferences. This is an important step, as it will better guide employers when they search for candidates. Input both your practice and location preferences as well.

Once your new profile is set up, you will be able to:

- Receive customized daily or weekly updates with new opportunities tailored to your career goals.
- Review a lengthy set of resources and job searching subscriptions through the Resource Library.
- Submit your resume for consideration for contract or full-time work through the Resume Book feature.
- Search and apply to job postings (part-time, full-time, internships, etc.)
- Schedule (beginning October) a counseling appointment with Ashli and/or a mock interview with Michell.
- View live walkthrough tutorials, ensuring you are never alone in navigating the system. Simply click the 12Twenty Guide in the bottom left hand side of your page.

We recommend you bookmark POKES for easy access; you will utilize the platform quite often throughout your law school career. You can also find it through the [student landing page](#) on the College of Law website.

*Please also read the [UW College of Law Student Employment Policy](#).*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

### **Advice From Recent UW Law Graduates**

#### **ASK QUESTIONS:**

To the front office, the librarians, upper classmen, alumni, deans, career services, everyone. This is new. It's supposed to be new. You're supposed to be lost. Be humble and seek out answers from everyone around you.

#### **DON'T BE AFRAID**

Do not fear your professors or getting called on. The professors are all approachable, friendly, and want you to succeed. They are well aware just how hard the doctrine is for new students to learn and apply.

#### **GET EXPERIENCE**

And fast! Take advantage of externships, clinics, and internships. This is where you will truly learn the law.

#### **WORK TOGETHER**

Working together as a class is better than working against each other as competitors. Make friends, share notes, and get through this together. Those friends can not only help you succeed in class, but in your career as valuable connections!