From the Director

I would like to congratulate all who have worked diligently this term to schedule mock interviews, and went through the interview process with employers! Some have already received and secured offers. Great work! For those who are still going through the process, or not yet begun, please be sure to maintain contact with me so I can provide appropriate resources, networking, and guidance.

Remember to follow-up after the interview with thank you notes. Indicate your appreciation for their time and consideration, mention how wonderful it was to meet them and learn more about their firm, and relaying how you look forward to hearing from them soon. These seemingly small gestures can really go a long way in portraying your sincere interest in the employer and gratitude for the opportunity.

Each year we are required to by the ABA, as part of our accreditation, to report employment for the graduating class. If you are a 3L, please remember to complete the employment survey in POKES as you lock down your post-grad position. Thank you!

We have quite a few professional development presentations coming up, including a few guest speakers. Be sure to review those within this newsletter and add them to your calendar.

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Schedule appointments in POKES!
Everyone was so welcoming and wanted to help me learn as much as I could while I was there, even while they were busy with the trial. It was a remarkable opportunity to see that judges, clerks, and real-life lawyers are all just humans, too. I was sad to leave on my last day and hope to work with them in the future.

Caitlyn Tucker, 2L, Spring 2022 Participant

Legal Liftoff is a mentorship program that will be held over Spring Break, March 13-17. Students will observe real world practice under employer mentorship, providing an opportunity to develop professional skills. Participation requires a minimum of 10 hours over the course of the week. For 2023, there are 20 employers registered, providing 25 incredible opportunities for interested students.

This is your chance to move throughout an office or judicial chamber to observe or perform some simple research to learn how that work complements the whole case. It can be as involved and lengthy as both parties prefer. In the end, the program provides networking, mentorship, and high-value learning in a low pressure environment.

Mentorship Benefits:
⇒ Networking opportunity
⇒ Increased self-confidence
⇒ Strong communication skills
⇒ Art of asking questions
⇒ Exposure to new and different perspectives
⇒ Becoming a good listener
⇒ Improved goal-setting

To sign up, complete the brief online registration form by 11:45 pm, Wednesday, March 1st. Rank your top three choices. In the event that you are only willing to go to one or two of the possible locations, only list one or two employers.
the process...

**Summer 2023**

By April 7th, complete the [online form](#), indicating

- Your three preferred placements
- If you have placed yourself
- Or that you are submitting a new employer outside of the approved placement list

More details available online!

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**Externships**

The purpose of an externship is to gain first-hand insight into the legal profession. It is a critical opportunity to utilize informational interviewing to ask your host and others questions you have about their role or the industry. This allows a true picture of the real-life challenges, context of the work, and structure of organization. You will contribute to the ongoing work of the externship site, actively learning by participating in the legal process.

We have over 100 externship placement locations, including government agencies at the federal, state, and local level; judicial chambers; non-profit and public interest organizations. These range from criminal and civil litigation, judge’s chambers, patent, employment, health law, and much more! In addition, externship credits go towards the 6 credit minimum experiential learning requirement at the UW COL.

Past students note, “Practical supplementation to what we have been learning in our classes is a vital part of a law student’s education. I have learned things from my externship and would recommend other students participate.” Another student said, “It was a great experience. My legal research and writing skills improved, I learned a lot about an area of law that was interesting to me, and I have a topic for a law review comment. You will learn a lot from the externship supervisors and make great connections. I would recommend it to anyone; it is a great way to learn.”
The role of a prosecutor is to pursue justice and assist victims. The field is expeditious, intense and litigation focused. Being a prosecutor involves more than seeking punishment for those committing crimes; it also requires supporting survivors. Prosecutors are faced every day with decisions that dictate which laws are enforced and against whom, and how much punishment they bear. This enables a great deal of power to fix damage in area communities and protect others from further harms caused by the criminal legal system. Empathy, a good memory, and extremely close attention to detail are attributes of a good prosecutor.

**PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT UW LAW**

Students in the Prosecution Assistance Program (PAP) have experienced a busy and successful year. Throughout 2022, students worked alongside attorneys and our Faculty Director, Darrell D. Jackson and Student Director, Maridi Choma, to complete appellate briefs, research memorandums, motion responses, and a variety of other projects. Regarding her time in the clinic, student Jen Pavlikowski has stated that “PAP provides real-world experiences that are not usually available to students...the program came highly recommended by past students as a way not only to learn but also to grow professionally.”

In the past year, the Wyoming Supreme Court has issued two favorable opinions on cases argued by students from the Prosecution Assistance Program. Students Maridi Choma and Morgan Cloud were able to collaborate with the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office Criminal Division to draft an appellate brief and conduct oral arguments on behalf of the State of Wyoming. Courtroom experience has continued to be a focal point of the prosecution assistance program as multiple students have participated in motion hearings, jury trials, and other appellate arguments.

After expanding the team to include a 1L/2L legal assistant, the Prosecution Program was able to organize and preserve its historical records. Regarding her entrance to the clinic student Kaylee Sims stated “I was inspired to become involved with the Program within the first two months of my first year in law school. Amongst the other clinics, the prosecution program stood out to me because I saw students who were encouraged to proactively and successfully complete tasks.” Clinic communication with our community partners has continued to improve as new attorneys hear good news about the work our program has completed. For 2023, the clinic hopes to keep diligently serving the Wyoming prosecution community.
1Ls:
Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 7/31/25
Judge Timothy Tymkovich - Denver, CO - Apply by 8/1/25

2Ls:
Judge Kelly Rankin - Cheyenne, WY - Apply by 6/12/23
Judge Philip Brimmer - Denver, CO - Apply by 6/30/23
Judge Veronica Duffy - Sioux Falls, SD - Apply by 7/7/23
Judge Daniel Traynor - Bismarck, ND - Apply by 7/31/23
Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 12/31/23
Judge Gregory Phillips - Cheyenne, WY - Apply by 1/31/24
Judge Allison Eid - Denver, CO - Apply by 6/1/24
Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 1/31/25

3Ls:
Judge Kate G. McKay - Pinedale, WY - Apply ASAP
Judge Scott Skavdahl - Casper, WY - Apply by 2/28/23
Judge Susan Prose - Denver, CO - Apply by 4/9/23
Judge Nina Wang - Denver, CO - Apply by 5/5/23
Judge Michael Hegarty - Denver, CO - Apply by 5/7/23
Law Clerk 2023-2024 - State of New Jersey Courts - Apply by 5/22/23
Judge Matthew Scoble - Anchorage, AK - Apply by 6/19/23
Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 7/28/23
Judge Sidney Thomas - Billings, MT - Apply by 7/31/23
Judge Andrew Kleinfeld - Fairbanks, AK - Apply by 8/1/23

You are encouraged to apply for clerkships ASAP, instead of waiting until the deadline.

For clerkship nuts and bolts, visit the POKES Resource Library!
How to Ask a Law School Professor for a Letter of Recommendation

8 Ways to Prepare for a Legal Job Interview

Tips for Crafting a Post-Interview Thank-You Note

7 Apps to Aid Your Legal Job Search

New Law Firm Job? Overcome Performance Anxiety with a Learning Mindset

Recent Job Postings
(For a complete list of job openings, visit POKES)

All Students:
Extern - Dept. of Veterans Affairs Office of General Counsel - remote
Nick Theos Student Scholarship - Public Lands Council
Apply by 3/17/23

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
Summer Internship - US Immigration & Customs - Centennial, CO
Legal Intern - 8th Judicial District - Fort Collins/Loveland, CO
Summer Intern/Extern - Colorado Legal Services - Boulder, CO
Apply by 3/31/23

1Ls & 2Ls:
Public Health Law Clerks - Network for Public Health Law - Remote
Paid Legal Internship - Matt Vance, Esq. - Remote

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
Summer Externs - US Court of Appeals - Cheyenne, WY
Externship - Public Interest Network - Denver, CO
Paid Intern - 5th Judicial District - Breckenridge/Eagle, CO
Law Student Volunteer - US Dept. of Justice - Denver, CO
Apply by 2/28/23

Intern, Law Clerk - Fort Collins City Attorney - Fort Collins, CO
Apply by 3/5/23

Summer Intern - UW Prosecution Assistance Clinic - Laramie, WY
Apply by 3/17/23

OUTSIDE THE REGION
Internship, Criminal Division - Alaska Department of Law
Internship, Civil Division - Alaska Department of Law
Externship, Criminal Division - Alaska Department of Law
Externship, Civil Division - Alaska Department of Law

2Ls:
OUTSIDE THE REGION
Summer Law Clerk - US Army Corps of Engineers - Anchorage, AK
Apply by 3/10/23
Recent Job Postings Continued

3Ls:
Attorney (multiple) - US Dept. of Education, Civil Rights - Remote

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
Assistant City Attorney - City of Greeley, CO
Associate - Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones - Johnstown, CO
Law Clerk (multiple) - 8th Judicial District - Fort Collins, CO
Public Defender - Colorado Public Defender’s Office
Deputy District Attorney - 6th Judicial District - Durango, CO
Deputy District Attorney - 8th Judicial District - Laporte, CO
Assistant General Counsel - Public Interest Network - Denver, CO
Deputy DA - 5th Judicial District - Breckenridge/Eagle, CO
SVP Senior Trust Officer - First Northern Bank of Wyoming (various)
Trust Officer - First Northern Bank of Wyoming (various)
Policy and Planning Analyst - Dept. of Family Svcs. - Cheyenne, WY
Assistant AG, Contracts Unit - WY AG’s Office - Cheyenne, WY
Employee Relations Specialist - PacifiCorp - Rock Springs/Casper, WY
Workers Comp. Assoc. - Crowley Fleck - Butte/Billings, MT
Attorney - Birdwell & Aamold, PC - Lewistown, MT
Deputy County Attorney - Yellowstone County Attorney - Billings, MT
Criminal Deputy City Attorney - City of Billings, MT
Associate - Browning Kaleczyc Berry Hoven - Great Falls/Helena, MT
Law Clerk - Fed Mine Safety & Health Review Comm. - Denver, CO
Apply by 2/28/23
Legal Research Attorney - Colorado Judicial Branch - Denver, CO
Apply by 3/8/23
Law Clerk - Colorado Judicial Branch - Greeley, CO
Apply by 3/10/23
Attorney - State of Montana - Helena, MT
Apply by 3/17/23
Associate Attorney - Williamson Lowery Fredregill - Sterling, CO
Apply by 3/31/23
Associate - Maynes Bradford Shipps & Sheftel - Durango, CO
Apply by 5/31/23

College of Law Scholarships

Apply to all of the following by 3:00 pm on 3/31/23

Salt Creek Energy Excellence Scholarship
Open to all 1Ls and 2Ls

Bob C. Sigler Country Lawyer Scholarship
Open to all 1Ls and 2Ls

Judge Clarence A. Brimmer Scholarship
Open to all 2Ls

Alfred A. Pence Scholarship
Open to all 2Ls
3 Steps to Applying for a Job When You Don’t Meet the Requirements
(Read the full article [HERE](#))

**Step 1: Ask Yourself if You Could Do the Job**
Read through the job description and try to get a sense of what someone in the role would do each day. After you’ve worked through it in this way, you’ll have a more accurate sense of what you have to offer versus what skills you may be lacking.

**Step 2: Ignore “Bonus” Requirements**
Occasionally, ridiculous phrasing happens to good job descriptions because someone on the team thinks it “sounds good,” but that’s no reason to apply.

**Step 3: Use the Magic Words**
The term “transferrable skills” has magical job-search powers that shouldn’t be underestimated. Why? Because a critical piece of the application process is connecting the dots between the experience you already possess and that which the position calls for.

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**Recent Job Postings Continued**

3Ls Continued:

**OUTSIDE THE REGION**

Staff Attorney - County of Twin Falls, ID
Associate - Costello Porter - Rapid City, SD
Law Clerk (multiple) - Fourth Judicial District - Fairbanks, AK
Attorney - Alaska Office of Public Advocacy - Anchorage, AK
Law Clerks (multiple) - Third Judicial District - Anchorage, AK
Attorney - Alaska Office of Public Advocacy - Palmer, AK
Attorney, Criminal Division - Alaska Department of Law
Attorney, Civil Division - Alaska Department of Law
Fellowship, Civil Division - Alaska Department of Law
Limited Practitioner - New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender
Assistant Trial Attorneys - New Mexico District Attorneys Association
Trial Attorney - New Mexico District Attorneys Association
Assistant Dean of Admissions - Oklahoma City Univ. School of Law
General Attorney - US Customs & Border Prot. - Laredo, TX

Apply by 3/3/23

Associate Attorney - Tyson & Mendes - Scottsdale, AZ
Apply by 3/9/23

General Attorney - US Customs & Border Prot. - Tucson/Yuma, AZ
Apply by 3/9/23

Litigation Associate Attorney - Monahan Law Firm - Glendale, AZ
Apply by 3/10/23

Attorney I - Health & Human Services Comm. - Austin, TX
Apply by 3/14/23

Assistant General Counsel - State of Kansas - Shawnee, KS
Apply by 3/14/23

Staff Attorney - State Office of Risk Management - Austin, TX
Apply by 3/15/23

Assistant Public Defender - Choctaw Nation - Durant, OK
Apply by 3/16/23

Staff Attorney - The Florence Project - Phoenix, AZ
Apply by 3/16/23

Assistant General Counsel - State of Oklahoma - Oklahoma City, OK
Apply by 3/16/23
Recent Job Postings Continued

3Ls Continued:

**OUTSIDE THE REGION CONTINUED**

**Assistant AG, Agriculture** - State of Utah - Salt Lake City, UT
Apply by 3/17/23

**Staff Attorney** - Northwest Justice Project - Kennewick, WA
Apply by 3/18/23

**Associate General Counsel** - Xcaliber International - Tulsa, OK
Apply by 3/21/23

**Assistant Public Defender** - City of Tucson, AZ
Apply by 3/21/23

**Immigration Attorney** - World Relief - Kent, WA
Apply by 3/23/23

**Attorney** - Heartland Family Service - Papillion, NE
Apply by 3/24/23

**Appeals Prosecutor** - Maricopa County - Phoenix, AZ
Apply by 3/25/23

**Legal Counsel Contracts** - Academy Sports & Outdoors - Katy, TX
Apply by 3/29/23

**Assistant District Attorney** - Smith County - Tyler, TX
Apply by 3/30/23

**Deputy District Attorney** - Elko County - Elko, NV
Apply by 3/30/23

**Business Development Attorney** - Zinda Law Group - Austin, TX
Apply by 3/31/23

**Foreclosure Attorney** - Bonial & Associates - Dallas, TX
Apply by 4/1/23

**Law Clerkships** - South Dakota Unified Judicial System
Apply by 7/7/23

**Be sure to check out the outside scholarship website!**

Upcoming Events

⇒ 3L Info Session with the Wyoming State Bar
   (lunch provided)
   2/28/23 at 12:30pm Rm 178

⇒ U of San Diego LLM Info
   2/28/23 at 1:00pm Virtual

⇒ AmeriCorps VISTA
   Information Session
   (lunch provided)
   3/2/23 at 12:30pm Rm 178

⇒ Dept. of Justice Assoc. of Black Attorneys (RSVP 3/1)
   3/3/23 at 10:00am Virtual

⇒ Nuts & Bolts: Clerking: How, When, and Why Should I Care? (lunch provided)
   3/8/23 at 12:30pm Rm 170

⇒ National LGBTQ+'s Inaugural Virtual Career Fair
   (Registration Required)
   3/11/23 (anticipated date)

⇒ Suited for Success: Free Business & Professional Clothing for Women
   3/11/23 at 1:00pm
   Elks Lodge, Laramie, WY

⇒ Law School to Practice: Hirst Applegate, LLP
   3/29/23 at 12:30pm Rm 170

⇒ Food Law Summit & New Directions in Environmental Law Conference
   3/31/23 Yale University