LEGAL CAREERS NETWORKING NIGHT

Guest Directory

Thursday, February 16, 2017
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Winship Ballroom
Dobbs University Center

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What Did You Want to Be When You Grew Up?

If you've ever wanted to be part of a team environment that's exceptionally supportive, and take ownership of assignments and complete them at the highest level of quality legal service, look closely at Jones Day. We seek people with exemplary integrity, a selfless dedication to the Firm and our clients, and the initiative that leads them to deliver more to our clients. In return, we are equally committed to providing the training, professional development, and client responsibility, consistent with increasing levels of experience and competence, that will enable our associates to become outstanding lawyers.
SIMPLE GUIDE TO NETWORKING CONVERSATIONS
TIPS FOR NAVIGATING
LEGAL CAREERS NETWORKING NIGHT

A “networking night” is a different than a “career fair.” The primary objective is not to immediately ask about job, internship or shadowing opportunities in each guest’s respective field. This is an event designed to help you learn about the many different roles and careers there are in the legal profession, and to find out how and where you can fit in. To help you get the most out of this event, we offer the following information and tips:

1. **Review the Program Guide** – Before the event, take a few minutes to look through the Directory and identify which professionals will be here that you would like to speak to.

2. **Don’t only look at one career path, such as corporate law.** Find out what other career paths in law might be a good fit for the kinds of skills and interests you enjoy.

3. **Introduce yourself to our alums and professional guests before the event starts!** If you’re early, say hello and meet someone you don’t know – get warmed up!

4. **If you don’t immediately recognize the field or specialty you’re looking for, you may want to ask a staff member for help.** Also, keep in mind it’s not always possible to attract guests from every area of law, but those professionals in attendance may know of a colleague or friend they can refer you to – it pays to network!

5. **Introducing yourself is easy.** Start with your name, year in school, major or intended major, and then mention an interest you might have in common, or something about their field that has you curious. Then LISTEN. The first rule of good conversation is to take an interest in the person you’re talking to! The rest will follow.

6. **Here are some sample helpful questions to ask your conversation partner when talking:**
   - How did you get interested in the law as a profession?
   - What made you choose your particular specialty area or career path?
   - What did you enjoy most about your law school? What did you enjoy least?
   - What does a typical work day look like for you?
   - What do you find most rewarding about your work? Most challenging?
   - What skills or characteristics are necessary for success beyond just a law degree?
   - What is the demand for professionals in this practice area? Is it a growing area?
   - What do you wish you had known prior to entering your field?
   - What advice do you have about choosing law as a career pathway?

Of course, you may also want to supplement these questions with some pertaining to the attorney’s specific work or background, as indicated in the Directory.
7. **If other students are gathering nearby, show some conversational SAVVY and invite them to join your conversation!** Confident minglers don’t wait in single file – if you’re waiting, simply attempt to listen to what is being said, and when the moment is right, introduce yourself and join in! You may learn something from other questions being asked, and vice versa. Good etiquette entails not asking more than two or three questions when others are waiting to join in – **be polite**.

8. **Keep moving.** Take full advantage of our representatives and know when to say “thank you”, ask for the business card of the person you’ve been speaking to, and move on. A 2-3 minute conversation is perfectly all right when you’re moving about and meeting new people. You may wish to talk longer when finding chemistry with someone.

9. **Understand that it may not be possible for you to have a one-on-one conversation with each of your priority guests.** Try to get to as many of them as you can, and then collect business cards so that you can follow-up.

10. **After the event, make notes from your networking conversations and plan to follow up with a thank you email or letter, using the information on their business card.** ALWAYS follow up when you say you’re going to – not doing so can leave a bad impression.

11. **Can’t locate a particular guest?** The professionals who have been invited to this program are quite busy, and sometimes have last-minute obligations that prevent them from coming. If you have difficulty finding a guest, feel free to stop and ask a member of the Career Center staff if the guest is present or absent.

12. **What if there’s no one here that you have an interest in?** This is an opportunity for you to meet local professionals in the legal field that may interest you. However, any one guest might have a variety of experiences or perspectives to share. If you are unfamiliar with a particular field or specialty, just ask! You never know what you might learn by approaching someone!

     **GOOD LUCK!**
Will M. Atherton, Staff Attorney
Emory University (J.D. 2015); University of Georgia (B.B.A. 2011)
Financial Institutions; Litigation & Regulation

Will Atherton's practice focuses on securities, M&A, corporate governance, and financial products in the financial services industry. He provides regulatory advice to financial institution clients regarding recent financial reform regulation, general commercial counseling for banks, and disclosure counseling for publicly traded clients.

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Business & Tort Litigation; Investigations & White Collar Defense

David Bouchard’s practice focuses on complex litigation in federal and state courts. He has defended and counseled domestic and international clients in connection with a variety of white-collar criminal matters, commercial contract disputes, securities lawsuits, and consumer credit cases. David is experienced in various stages of civil and criminal litigation, including pretrial discovery and fact-finding, depositions and interviews, motions practice, and trial preparation. David is active in the office and in the Atlanta community. He serves as co-chair of the Atlanta Office’s Diversity, Inclusion & Advancement Committee. Additionally, he serves on the Leadership Council for the Posse Foundation, a nonprofit college access and youth leadership development organization. He also mentors law school students through the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, an organization devoted to creating a diverse legal profession.

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Casey F. Bradford, Partner
University of Virginia (J.D. 2006); University of Florida (B.S. 2003)
Energy; Energy Environmental, Environmental, Health & Safety; Government Regulation

Casey Bradford advises clients on critical environmental matters across the United States in the context of regulatory counseling, policy development, business transactions, and enforcement defense. She assists clients with developing and updating corporate environmental policies, conducting internal compliance audits, and preparing air permit applications with complex emission calculations. She works with clients to influence and inform regulatory changes at the state and federal level. Her experience includes commenting on major U.S. EPA rules for hazardous air pollutants, regional haze, interstate transport, and startup, shutdown, and malfunction emissions. Casey also works on Clean Air Act enforcement and compliance issues and has defended clients against lawsuits filed by the United States and citizen plaintiffs. Casey serves on the Board of Directors of the Women’s Energy Network, Atlanta Chapter. She is active in several professional associations and regularly writes and lectures on environmental law.

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New Lawyers Group

Jason Chang joined our New Lawyers Group (NLG) in 2016. The NLG provides our newest lawyers with the opportunity to gain exposure to different practice areas and lawyering styles before making a commitment to a specific practice. Individuals in the NLG may focus on a particular area of practice, or compare practices, during their first year with Jones Day. While in law school, Jason worked in the Philip C. Cook Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, which provides pro bono legal assistance to taxpayers who are unable to afford legal representation.

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Josh Diggs, Associate
University of Virginia (J.D. 2015); Emory University (B.A. 2012)
Capital Markets

Josh Diggs practices corporate law, with a focus on capital markets, corporate governance, and federal securities law. He represents issuers and underwriters in capital-raising transactions, advises public companies on periodic reporting requirements and disclosure obligations, represents early and growth stage technology and life sciences companies in securities offerings and general corporate matters, and advises venture capital funds on portfolio investments and internal partnership matters.

Fran Forte, Associate
Mercer University (J.D. 2014); The George Washington University (B. Acct. 2011)
Cybersecurity, Privacy, and Data Protection

Fran Forte's practice is focused on outsourcing, data protection, and risk management. She works with companies in the areas of compliance, incident management, breach response plans, and litigation. She also advises clients on data privacy issues, technology and data licensing, and cross-border transfers of data. Fran is certified as a privacy professional (CIPP/US) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Fran is a regular speaker and author of articles on cybersecurity.

Laura Gura, Associate
Northwestern University (J.D. 2013); Williams College (B.A. 2006)
Health Care; False Claims Act & Qui Tam Defense; Health Care Litigation & Government Investigations Defense

Laura Gura focuses her practice on health care litigation, including federal and state False Claims Act litigation, OIG/DOJ investigations, defense of government audits, and appeals before federal and state administrative bodies. She has also been involved in Certificate of Need proceedings and assisted with health care due diligence reviews as part of acquisitions, focusing on fraud and abuse and other compliance concerns. Laura maintains an active pro bono practice and is a member of the Atlanta Office's Diversity, Inclusion & Advancement committee. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Joel Langdon, Associate
Emory University (J.D. 2014); University of Rochester (B.A. 2009)
Business & Tort Litigation; Product Liability Litigation

Joel Langdon's practice focuses on civil litigation and criminal investigations. He has experience with various stages of litigation, including factual investigation, witness preparation, motions practice, and trial preparation. He also maintains an active and diverse pro bono practice in state and federal courts, including the representation of children in truancy proceedings, habeas corpus petitioners, and unaccompanied immigrant children seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, which would permit the child to gain lawful permanent residency. Prior to attending law school, Joel worked for a nonprofit organization where he focused on the issues of community development and affordable housing.

Joel May, Partner
Indiana University (J.D. 2000); Valparaiso University (B.A. 1997)
Capital Markets; Mergers & Acquisitions; Private Equity; Real Estate; Equity Offerings

Joel May practices in the areas of securities law, capital markets, corporate governance, and general corporate law. He has practiced in Chicago and Atlanta and has significant experience representing public and private companies and underwriters in a variety of transactions, including public and private securities offerings, restructurings, tender offers, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and other M&A transactions. In addition to his transactional work, he serves as outside securities counsel to a number of public companies, counseling clients and boards of directors and their committees on a broad range of corporate governance and compliance matters, including Sarbanes-Oxley, executive compensation, fiduciary duties, communications with the public markets, shareholder activism, and related issues. Joel has represented clients in many different industries, including manufacturing, consumer products, chemical products, real estate, energy, e-commerce, telecommunications, and information management.
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Dan Merrett, Partner
Georgia State University (J.D. 2007); University of Leeds, England (B.A. 1995)
Business Restructuring & Reorganization

Dan Merrett’s practice is focused on corporate and municipal restructurings, bankruptcy, and other insolvency-related matters. He represents companies across a variety of industries, municipalities, secured lenders, unsecured creditors, and other significant constituencies in distressed situations, including in-court and out-of-court restructurings. Most recently, Dan has served as debtors’ counsel in the chapter 11 cases of coal company Alpha Natural Resources and its affiliates. He was also substantially involved in the historic chapter 9 bankruptcy of the City of Detroit and the chapter 11 proceedings of Chrysler LLC, AFA Foods, Black Diamond Mining Company, and Dana Corporation and as counsel to MBIA Insurance Corporation and its affiliates as creditors in the chapter 9 case of Jefferson County, Alabama and in several chapter 11 cases.

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Mike Patel, Associate
Georgia State University (J.D. 2012); Emory University (B.S. 2006)
Real Estate

Mike Patel represents clients in all aspects of complex commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, financing and refinancing on behalf of lenders and borrowers, development, and leasing of commercial real estate throughout the United States.

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Kaeley Russo, Associate
Emory University (J.D. 2015); University of Georgia (B.A. 2012)
Business & Tort Litigation

Kaeley Russo’s practice covers a wide range of complex civil and criminal litigation as well as criminal investigation matters in state and federal courts. She has experience with various stages of litigation, including factual investigation, witness preparation, motions practice, and trial preparation. Kaeley has an active pro bono practice, including matters from the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer’s Foundation representing domestic violence victims seeking protective orders against their abusers. She is also involved in Jones Day’s firmwide effort to assist in the unaccompanied minors crisis and has helped secure an order making the necessary special findings to permit an unaccompanied minor to seek Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, which would permit the child to obtain lawful permanent residency.

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Patrick Seamens, 3L
Emory University (J.D. 2017)
New Lawyers Group

Patrick is currently a 3L at Emory Law and will be joining Jones Day in the New Lawyers Group upon graduation this May.

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Aditya Shrivastava joined our New Lawyers Group (NLG) in 2016. The NLG provides our newest lawyers with the opportunity to gain exposure to different practice areas and lawyering styles before making a commitment to a specific practice. Individuals in the NLG may focus on a particular area of practice, or compare practices, during their first year with Jones Day.
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James Spung, Associate
Emory University (J.D. 2012); Whitworth University (B.A. 2009)
Business & Tort Litigation; Investigations & White Collar Defense

James Spung's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts and includes corporate internal investigations involving securities and corporate governance issues. His experience includes managing discovery in ongoing litigation and conducting factual investigations related to shareholder demands, potential causes of action, and pending litigation.

Brett Tarver, Associate
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Business & Tort Litigation; Product Liability Litigation

Brett Tarver’s practice focuses on complex civil litigation in state and federal courts, including the defense of individual and class action product liability lawsuits. She is currently involved in Jones Day's nationwide defense of the Engle progeny smoking and health lawsuits brought against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. She has experience in many aspects of discovery and trial preparation, including taking and defending depositions, motions practice, and witness preparation. Brett is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and currently serves as chair of the Marketing Subcommittee for the DRI Young Lawyers Committee. In 2016 she was awarded the DRI Young Lawyers "Rookie of the Year" Award. She is also a member of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers (GAWL) and the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA).

An Tran, Associate
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Real Estate

An Tran represents clients in a variety complex commercial real estate transactions, including financing on behalf of lenders and borrowers, development, and leasing of commercial real estate throughout the United States.

Jimmy Williams, Associate
Emory University (J.D. 2008); Auburn University (B.A. 2005)
Business & Tort Litigation; Construction

Jimmy Williams’s practice focuses on complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts. He has defended and counseled clients in connection with construction disputes, domestic and international contract disputes, Fair Credit Reporting Act claims, civil CERCLA contribution claims, and other commercial matters. He has participated in internal corporate investigations on behalf of clients and has defended and counseled clients with respect to threatened or pending criminal prosecutions under the False Claims Act and mail/wire fraud statutes. He also has represented clients in mediation and commercial arbitration. Jimmy has represented clients in a wide range of industries, including nuclear energy, banking, consumer reporting, health care, textile, and business staffing. He most recently represented Georgia Power Company in a litigation with over $1 billion in dispute relating to the licensing, design, and construction of Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant Units 3 and 4, the first newly constructed nuclear projects in the U.S. in over 30 years. Jimmy's experience includes managing discovery in litigation, taking and defending depositions, drafting briefs and motions before federal courts and in arbitration, conducting factual investigations relating to allegations implicating both criminal statutes and potential civil causes of action, and participating in and leading successful settlement negotiations on behalf of clients.