Professor Fred Cate spoke to state legislative leaders on patient privacy and confidentiality at the Institute for State Policy Studies' conference on Priority State Health Legislation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on January 16, and on data collection and patient privacy and confidentiality at the American Medical Association's State Medical Affairs annual meeting in Tucson, AZ, on January 9.

Professor David Fidler delivered his paper "International Law and Global Public Health" at the International Colloquium on Public Health Law in Durban, South Africa, on November 23, 1998. He also stayed in Durban after the Colloquium to help the University of Durban-Westville organize a graduate program in Public Health Law.


Professor Gene Shreve moderated a panel discussion of the Conflict of Laws Section at the annual Association of American Law Schools meeting in New Orleans (1/9/99). The program was entitled "Preparing for the Next Century--A Third Restatement of Conflicts?"

NEWS FROM THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

1L MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM WITH LOCAL ATTORNEYS

Week of January 25

Registration Deadline: Noon, January 20
A chance to practice your interview skills with a local attorney before the "real thing." Each mock interview is 30 minutes in length, allowing sufficient time for the actual interview and a critique. Participating students will interview, in most cases, at the attorney's place of business. Students are advised to dress appropriately. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-served basis in the Career Services Office.

ISBA/YOUNG LAWYER SECTION CAREER DAY

Saturday, February 13

Indiana Bar Center, Indianapolis

Noon -2:00 p.m.

If you have not decided on a definite practice area, you should not miss this day! Meet with over 40 attorneys from different practice areas and settings. Shake hands and talk one-on-one with these many attorneys --learn about their typical day at work, growing areas of law, and much more. This is THE largest gathering of attorneys for personal student interaction!

Don't miss out! Career Day will be held at the Indiana Bar Center, 230 East Ohio Street (near Market Center), from noon to 2:00 p.m. 1Ls are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. This is the best opportunity to begin defining career goals. Also, the information you gather here will help you in your interviews. A partial list of the attorneys attending this function thus far can be viewed in our office. If you need directions to the ISBA, stop in the CSO.

MIDWEST PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 20

Chicago, IL

Registration Deadline: January 19

Once again, Northwestern University School of Law will be the host for this public interest job fair. Employers from the Midwest region have registered to either interview with students one-on-one or to participate in table-talk sessions. Stop by the CSO to review the employer information and pick up your registration packet. The deadline for registering is this week. (See article by Julie Wilson.)

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

LEXIS AND WESTLAW TRAINING FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
First-year students can sign up for Lexis and Westlaw training at the Reference Desk in the Law Library. Each session lasts 50 minutes and will be held in Computer Lab 208B in the Library Media Center. If you have any questions, please see Juliet Smith, Electronic Services Librarian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
SNYDER VISITING SCHOLAR

Research Centre for International Law

Cambridge University, England.

Dr. Earl A. Snyder, an alumnus of Indiana University School of Law and Cambridge University, has generously provided support for a student (current 2L or 3L) from Indiana University to work at the Research Centre for International Law of Cambridge University during the late summer and early fall of 1999. Accordingly, current 3Ls have an advantage. A current 2L, if selected, might need to take a leave of absence for the fall semester.

Mr. Snyder will provide air fare, a housing and meal allowance, and stipend, worth over $4,000 altogether. The Centre contemplates that the Snyder Scholar will be in residence for about three months and will either participate in an on-going project of the Centre or be assigned a project of his or her own. Because the Centre expects the Snyder Scholar to work on an international law project, applicants must have had international law or equivalent courses. The Snyder Scholar should also be committed to further study of or practice in international law. Demonstrating a commitment can be done by listing courses taken in the international law area, research in international law topics, employment in the international arena, knowledge of languages, career goals, extracurricular activities and so on.

Applicants should provide the following:

1. a resume; and

2. a statement of commitment to international law and personal research agenda.

Please provide your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached here in Bloomington. Return your completed applications to Dale Calabrese in Room 024 by Tuesday, January 26, 1999.

The preliminary selection committee will be comprised of faculty. Interviews may be required. The final selection will be made by Mr. Lauterpacht, Cambridge University professor and one of the premier lawyers on the international front, in late February. See Dean Fromm with questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 26, 1999
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CONFERENCE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

by Julie Wilson

Each year there are several opportunities for law students seeking a career in public interest law to meet with employers, to gather information, and to meet other similarly minded students from around the country.

One of these opportunities, hosted annually by the National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL), combines a conference, career fair, and awards dinner into a weekend-long affair.

NAPIL is a coalition of 145 law student groups, including PILF at the Indiana University School of Law, from around the country dedicated to promoting public interest law. The member groups work to secure funding for students to do summer and post-graduate public interest work, and endeavor to improve the public interest programs at their respective law schools. NAPIL also sponsors Fellowships for Equal Justice, the largest legal post-graduate fellowship program in the country. These fellowships fund law school graduates for two years as they implement direct service projects of their own design.

Having attended the November 1998 NAPIL conference in College Park, Maryland, I saw how this conference allows students to explore public interest law in several ways.

First, students can pre-arrange interviews with public interest employers for both summer and permanent positions. Conference materials arrive in the Career Services Office in advance of the event and include job descriptions, contact names, and addresses. Hundreds of employers of every kind (not-for-profit, private public interest firms, and government) attend. You will know if you have any interviews lined up before the conference.

Second, there are informal table-talk sessions with all of the employers. This is a great way to make some contacts and get some information about employers you might be interested in. In addition, there are representatives available from post-graduate fellowship programs to discuss those opportunities.

Third, the conference panels expose you to practicing attorneys in public interest fields. Some of the panel topics at this year's conference included: current issues in environmental justice, child advocacy and representing the best interests of children, community economic development, and the experiences of attorneys of color in the public interest field.

Fourth, there is ample opportunity to meet students from other schools. It was a chance to see that even if the portion of your law school classmates motivated to do this kind of work is small, there are many others out there with similar intentions. The conference was a great setting in which to exchange ideas about how to improve public interest programs, and hear about other people's successful internships and jobs.
Another opportunity like this will be taking place at the Law School this semester. February 25-27, 1999, the Environmental Law Society and SPEA's Environmental Management Association will host a national environmental law conference. In addition to an interdisciplinary exploration of cutting-edge environmental topics, the conference will include a workshop on how to find environmental jobs. All of the panels and workshops are free for IU students.

Finally, the Midwest Public Interest Career Conference, to take place in Chicago on February 20, is just around the corner. The registration deadline is January 19. Students who are dedicated to, or curious about, a future in public interest law should stop by the Career Services Office to look at the conference materials.

Of course, there are ways to work in the public interest while on campus. The Environmental Law Research Group, the Protective Order Project, and Inmate Legal Assistance Clinic are taking on new volunteers. It is not too late to add credit hours at the Child Advocacy Clinic, or Community Legal Clinic to your schedule. As always, PILF and the Career Services Office are sources of information about other off-campus opportunities.

- If you would like to get involved in the Environmental Law Conference, please e-mail Rozy Park at rozpark, or Julie Wilson at jpwilson.

- If you would like more information about post-graduate fellowships, Professor Hughes or the CSO can help. In addition, there are two recent graduates of our school who have received NAPIL fellowships, and are working in Indianapolis. They are more than happy to advise and mentor students seeking post-graduate funding. Contact Julie Wilson, jpwilson, if you would like to be put in touch with these NAPIL Fellows.

**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

**WHAT IS THE VITA PROGRAM?**

The VITA program is sponsored by the Office of International Services and the Leo R. Dowling International Center. VITA volunteers provide free tax assistance to those needing help filing basic tax returns.

As a VITA volunteer, you will:

- gain valuable experience

- learn and apply basic tax laws and interpret regulations to help international visitors with the filing process

- improve communication and interpersonal skills

- improve analytical skills

- meet lots of interesting people
- be able to work with a schedule that you choose

Anyone can volunteer! The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will provide training for all VITA volunteers.

Though you will primarily be assisting international students and scholars, your training will make it possible for you to assist anyone filing basic tax returns. Training dates are as follows:

Friday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. (location to be announced)

Saturday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. - noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (location to be announced)

Different topics will be covered each training day, making it necessary to attend as many hours of each training session as possible. Volunteers are required to pass a brief exam after training in order to become certified Volunteer Income Tax Assistants.

Tax assistance will take place at the International Center from February 15 through April 15, 1999.

If you are interested in the program, please see a copy of the application posted on bulletin boards or see Dale for a copy.

**ADDITION TO LAW SCHOOL FAMILY**

Kendall (3L) and Katherine Millard welcomed a beautiful baby girl on December 6 -- Katherine Madison (goes by Madison). She was 5 lbs. and change, 19 inches, and healthy.

**PROCEDURE FOR A-V REQUESTS**

Any member of the Law School community may request audio-video and other media services by sending a request to Beth Plew, our A-V supervisor. E-mail your request to AV@law.indiana.edu. The request must contain the following information:

1. The name and e-mail address of the person making the request.
   a. If the request comes from a secretary, we need to know the faculty member's name.
   b. If the request comes from a student, we need to know if the student represents an organization.

   **Note:** We cannot process a request without an e-mail address to which we can respond (this goes for students, too).

2. A description of what you want us to do.

3. The date, location, starting time and duration of the event.
4. If we will be videotaping the event, we need to know:

a. The nature of the activity being videotaped.

b. If it is something other than taping a class, the name of the person who will unlock the room and arrange furniture, if necessary.

c. If the request is for taping in Room 219 or Room 222, the number of tapes we should make.

d. Where to put the videotape(s) when we are done.

5. If we are playing a videotape for you, do you want an AV operator to remain throughout the event, or just be responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment?

**CALENDAR**

Tuesday, January 19, Registration deadline for Midwest Public Interest Career Conference in Chicago on February 20, CSO.

Wednesday, January 20, Registration deadline for 1L Mock Interviews, CSO, noon

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