

Dear Law Student Associate:

Although the weather in February has been frightful, learn about opportunities at the State Bar that may be delightful. Also, keep an eye out for the **hidden riddle** about the State Bar in one of the articles. Email the correct answer to me, and be entered into a raffle for a Target gift card.

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[Networking Works – A True Story](#)

By Patricia E. Putney, Bell Moore & Richter SC, Madison

I went to a joint women’s conference put together by the Wisconsin Association of Justice (WAJ) and Wisconsin Defense Counsel (WDC) last September. This is an effort for women lawyers on both sides of the personal injury bar to come together for CLE and social time.

There were several law students there, invited and graciously paid for by WAJ, and I ended up talking with Cortney Runnels, a 2L from U.W. Law School. At that time, we were looking for another law clerk, as we only had one.

After talking with her at a social event, I suggested Cortney email me if she was interested in working part time during the school year, and she did so. She interviewed and was hired.

Cortney has been with us since September on a part-time basis, and plans to work for us full time this summer as well. Cortney has been a great addition to our firm.

It definitely helps for students to get out there and meet lawyers, be friendly and network. You never know what connections will be made.

[Want to Perform Better in Law School? Get Out and Socialize](#)

By Jason Magill, State Bar of Wisconsin WisLAP Coordinator

Lonely? While it seems counterintuitive to seek new friendships and schedule time for “hanging out” when you have reading and studying, and studying and reading to do, there’s research that says this is exactly what you should do.

Being lonely has been associated with decreased memory and learning, which certainly works against you when you’re studying. What’s more, [studies say](#) loneliness is connected to poor decision making, altered brain functioning, alcohol and drug abuse, increased stress levels, and depression and suicide.

So what’s a lonely law student to do? Luckily, there’s no shortage of ways to meet new people. You can find a Meetup.com group in your location – you can search “friends wanted” for [Madison](#) or [Milwaukee](#). For example, in Madison you can get creative and drop in for a quick [DIY craft](#) with others. There are [fitness groups](#), [foodie groups](#), and [gaming groups](#). If you just need to get together with some [like-minded musicians](#) and jam, there’s a group for you.

Locking yourself away isn’t always the right answer. By developing new friendships you’ll improve your overall happiness which boosts performance. It takes effort, but the more you get out and experiment with different groups, the more likely you are to find some great friends. Take a moment and make time for yourself – you deserve this.

If you have concerns related to stress, anxiety, depression, or substance use disorders, you have a resource at the State Bar. The [Wisconsin Lawyer Assistance Program](#) (WisLAP) supports law students as you navigate the challenges of life and law school. WisLAP is your safe place to turn for confidential, free help.

Visit [WisLAP](#) on WisBar.org, email [WisLAP](#), or call (800) 543-2625 for confidential and free assistance on all these matters and more.

Mark Your Calendar: Young Lawyers Conference is March 29

The 10th Annual Young Lawyers Conference is Friday, March 29, 2019, at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison.

This all-day program is *free* for law students, and features CLE sessions on current issues and developing concerns that are important to young lawyers. You may also learn the answer to this newsletter’s question, which is the year that the State Bar was founded.

To learn more about this program please contact Michelle Sherbinow at msherbinow@wisbar.org or visit the [Young Lawyers Conference](#) webpage on WisBar.org’s Marketplace.

Finding Answers about Lawyer Ethics

The State Bar has two full-time ethics counsel, [Aviva Kaiser](#) and [Tim Pierce](#), to guide you in resolving questions regarding Wisconsin's Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. Feel free to contact them with your questions.

You can also find answers on hot-topic ethics questions in "Ethical Dilemmas," published in on the third Wednesday of each month in the State Bar's newsletter, *InsideTrack*. Check out [the latest article](#) on trust accounts and insurance, published Feb. 20, 2019.

Opportunity: Litigation Section Seeks Student Liaison

The Litigation Section is seeking student liaisons from U.W. and Marquette law schools.

The purpose of the Litigation Section is to bring together members who have an interest in civil litigation, insurance law, and tort law.

Liaisons attend board meetings every other month via teleconference. If interested, please send a brief statement to Rachael Schaefer at <mailto:rschaefer@wisbar.org> outlining your reasons for becoming a student liaison.

Attend 'Discovering Practice Areas' Event at Marquette Law School

The Marquette Law School and the State Bar of Wisconsin are sponsoring the Discovering Practice Areas event on **Monday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m.**, in Room 433 of Marquette Law School.

Join us for the opportunity to hear brief presentations and network with section member attorneys about their practice areas. Refreshments are provided.

Attorneys from five State Bar sections will be present at this event: Business Law, Construction and Public Contract Law, Taxation Law, International Practice, and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law.

For more information, contact Bryant Park at bpark@wisbar.org or Sarah DiStefano at sarah.distefano@marquette.edu

Join the Environmental Law Section Networking Event

The Environmental Law Section is hosting a networking event for section members and law students interested in environmental law. The event is **Thursday, March 7, 2019**, at Tangent, 832 East Washington Avenue, Madison. Appetizers and drinks are provided.

Students interested in attending should RSVP to Jane Corkery at jcorkery@wisbar.org. RSVPs are recommended, but not required.

Apply for Family Law Workshop Scholarship

The Family Law Section offers 12 scholarships for tuition to attend the 38th Annual Family Law Workshop, on Aug. 1-3, 2019, at Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay.

This event combines updates on the latest in family law with an opportunity for relaxation in Door County. To apply, see the [Family Law Workshop Application](#). Applications are due April 1, 2019.

Apply for Indian Law Section Scholarship

The Indian Law Section (ILS) was created in part to bring together those who have a special interest in Indian Law.

In order to foster this special interest, the ILS will award a scholarship to a deserving third-year law student who intends to practice Indian law in Wisconsin. The award for the 2019-20 school year is \$1,000.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 31, 2019**, midnight Central time. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The recipient will be notified by mid-June, and be formally recognized at the Annual Indian Law Section CLE.

Email Rachael Schaefer (rschaefer@wisbar.org) for an application. Follow the Indian Law Section on [Facebook](#) for more information.

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Find all of your law student benefits at wisbar.org/students.

Don't forget: the State Bar is here to help you. Let us know if we can assist you – give Bryant Park a call at (608) 250-6083 or send him an [email](#).

Best regards,

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