Hey guys,

While semester is nearing an end, there are still plenty of things to keep an eye on including some new employment opportunities! Also, Blackstone needs a bit of help with surveys for the Alternative Faculty Handbook which will later be a valuable guide on the units offered by the law school and will contain tips from fellow law students about how to tackle electives and core units. So if you have already finished a unit / were unable to fill out a form in class, please swing by the common room and submit your say there. It would be greatly appreciated!

Best of luck with study!

Alex Pieniazek
Blackstone President 2008

1. SOCIAL
Queries about any of our social events can be directed to our Social VP, Jon Crabtree: svp@blackstone.asn.au

   a) Blake Dawson Law Ball
The annual Law Ball date has been confirmed so whack the 15th August into your diaries now! The subcommittee are meeting this week so if you have any suggestions in the meantime, email Jon!

2. CAREERS
Queries about careers initiatives can be directed to Careers VP, Elizabeth Houghton: careersvp@blackstone.asn.au

   a) Employment Opportunities
Associate to the Hon Justice Murray Senior Puisne Judge of Western Australia
Applications are invited for the position of Associate to the Hon Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The position will commence in June/July of this year. Applications close noon, Friday 6 June 2008. More information can be accessed on http://blackstone.asn.au/careers/employment-opportunities/

State Solicitor’s Office - Professional Research Assistants
The State Solicitor’s Office is highly regarded as a leading legal service provider in Western Australia offering a broad range of legal services to the State Government and to a range of government departments and agencies. We are looking to recruit three professional research assistants

THE POSITIONS
These full time positions will provide applicants with a unique opportunity to work closely with the most senior legal officers within government. Responsibilities include assisting in drafting legal opinions, submissions and correspondence and involvement in law reform. The work is interesting, diverse and challenging and will provide an excellent basis for a successful career in law. An attractive salary package is provided.

Successful applicants will be appointed for two years beginning in Dec 2008 or Jan 2009. Following completion of the appointment Professional Assitances can reasonably expect, subject to performance, to be offered articles with the State Solicitor and to be employed through their restricted practice year.
QUALIFICATIONS
Applicants ideally should be in their penultimate year of study of law and be prepared to complete their study part-time over the two year period. Applications are also invited from graduates. Highly developed research, analytical, problem solving and interpersonal skills are essential. Applicants’ academic results should be such that applicants can reasonably anticipate being invited into an Honours programme in law.

Please contact Jeff Plunkett, General Manager, for any further information.
Telephone: 9264 1897 Email: j.plunkett@sso.wa.gov.au

APPLICATIONS
Applications enclosing a Curriculum Vitae and academic results, should be addressed to: Jeff Plunkett, General Manager, State Solicitor’s Office, GPO Box B83, Perth WA 6838.
Closing date: Friday 13 June 2008 at 5.00pm

2008 UBS Summer Internship Opportunities

Our firm
UBS is one of the world's leading financial firms, serving a discerning international client base. Its business, global in scale, is focused on growth. As an integrated firm, UBS creates added value for clients by drawing on the combined resources and expertise of all its businesses. UBS is the leading global wealth manager, a top tier investment banking and securities firm, and one of the largest global asset managers. UBS is also the market leader in Swiss retail and commercial banking. With operations in all of the world’s major financial centres, UBS employs around 80,000 people in 50 countries globally.

In Australasia, UBS has operated in the financial market for over 70 years, having grown from a private stock-broking business to a leading financial services firm with offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and recently Perth. Today, UBS is a market leader and employs more than 1600 staff in Australia and New Zealand.

UBS in Australia has been named Investment Bank of the Year 2007 by Asiamoney, Finance Asia and INSTO magazines. In 2007, for the third year, UBS was awarded an “EOWA Employer of Choice for Women” citation by the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace agency.

UBS Summer Internship Program
The key to achieving growth and change is recruiting the most talented, qualified and motivated people into the right culture and giving them every opportunity to succeed.

We offer a nine week structured summer internship program, which is a vital tool in our graduate hiring process. You will work alongside some of the brightest and best, learning about our organization, a specific business area, our clients and the products and services we offer. A variety of events and workshops ensure your experience is packed with learning, training and networking opportunities. Evaluation is a serious element of the program and successful interns will be offered a graduate position for the following year.

We are looking for penultimate year students with a range of perspectives, experiences and skills – and the potential to make a real difference. Academic credentials are important but these need to be coupled with strong communication skills, creativity, perseverance and tenacity. For us it is not your background or what you have studied that matters; it is your ability to learn and to contribute.

Our Sydney summer internship program starts 8 December 2008 and will finish 6 February 2009.
We are also looking for students from Australian universities to join summer internship programs in Hong Kong and Singapore (December 2008- February 2009). Applicants with Mandarin (reading, written & spoken) will be strongly preferred. Visa sponsorship is provided.

Applications for Sydney and Asia programs close 16 July 2008. To learn more and to apply, please visit www.ubs.com/graduates

b) Clerkships
Court Clerkships
Court clerkships this year will be organised through the UWA Law School. 20 positions are offered for 2 weeks (unpaid) in December. Interested students should send CV's (in hard copy) to the Law School addressed to Bill Ford and marked as applications for Court clerkships by August. Applications are open to third and penultimate year students.

c) World Aware
World Aware is a 9-week leadership program for refugee and migrant youth. Based on the peer support model, World Aware is calling for youth volunteers [17 – 30 yrs] who can help support the program in Mirrabooka from June – August.

Workshops include:
- Cultural awareness (with wheelchair basketball warm-up)
- Communication (with soccer warm-up)
- Self-expression (singing/percussion warm-up)

Participants then choose one of the following art-streams:
- Photography
- Drama
- Crump
- Visual arts (textiles)

(a great opportunity for young artists to come and share some of their skills!)

The program kicks off on Sunday 22 June with a race-around-Perth competition and soccer match at Kings Park. For those young people interested in volunteering, we'll be doing cultural awareness training at The Bakery on Sunday 8 June from 3 – 6pm.

Those who haven't volunteered with Red Cross before will need to be there an hour earlier so they can do an induction. Be sure to mark Sunday 17 August in your diary – as this is when we'll be having our major event: Let's Get Loud! Youth Celebrating a Diverse Australia. For more information and to become a part of this great opportunity email Breony at breony.allen@gmail.com

3. EDUCATION
Queries about any of our education matters can be directed to Ed VP, Jackie McArthur: edvp@blackstone.asn.au

a) ALSA
The Australian Law Students Association Conference is now open for registration! The conference runs for a week and is being held in Tasmania. Come along as a general delegate and be a part of one of the most fun weeks in the year. More information at www.alsaconference2008.com.au

b) Clayton Utz Competitions Fund
Brand new in 2008 is the Clayton Utz Competitions Fund. The fund has been established to enable students to compete in national and even international competitions. UWA Law Students and Blackstone members are now invited to apply – application forms are in the common room!