**2L CAREER PLANNING TIMELINE**

RISING 2L SUMMER

* At the end of the summer, ask your supervisor if he/she is willing to serve as a reference.
* Review writing sample. Update if necessary. If using a sample from a previous job, ask your employer for permission and redact as necessary.
* Attend the Ark Bar Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

FALL

* Meet with Career Services to discuss plans for the upcoming summer.
* Join student organizations that reflect your interests.
* Join local and national bar associations.
* Schedule a mock interview with Career Services for extra practice.
* In August begin registering for Fall OCIs.
* Attend Bar Association sponsored events and Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) classes in your area of interest.
* Consider judicial or government externships or clinics. Apply now for your 3L year.

SPRING

* Register for Spring OCIs in January.
* Attend HUD Legal Honors Program Presentation.
* Attend Study Abroad Presentation(s).
* Set up PSJD job alerts for areas of interest.
* Consult Equal Justice Works website.
* Target small to mid-size firms in geographic areas of interest. Reach out to the recruiting coordinator or managing partner to express interest.
* Reach out directly to in house counsel to inquire about jobs and internships at their office.
* If interested in working as a District Attorney or Public Defender, reach out to local prosecutor and public defender offices to inquire about summer positions.
* Apply for judicial clerkships during the spring if you are interested.
* Attend Networking Fair in April.

ALL YEAR

* Keep in contact with mentors.
* Update LinkedIn profile.
* Update resume and transcript with grades and current GPA.
* Check HIRE Bowen regularly for job postings.
* Keep in touch with Career Services for any job search questions.
* Prepare post-graduate fellowship applications, such as Equal Justice Works and Skadden.

