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Why I Hated

(I mean Loved) Early Interview Week

by Maria C. John '00

On your mark, get set go! Out of the shower and into the conservative newly purchased navy blue suit. On with the shoes. Don’t forget the resume holder and the resumes. Oh no! Do I have copies of my transcript? Yes, but I must make more. Off to the train station. Arrive at the Lowenstein Building at Fordham, with ten minutes to spare. Check face, hair, nails, and the suit for stains or spots. O.K. Now I’m finally ready. Ready for what you ask? Depending on who you are, either the most humilitating experience of all time OR “the most fun I’ve had in years!” When I talked to my fellow upperclass colleagues I received responses on both ends of the spectrum. Welcome to Early Interview Week at Fordham University School of Law.

The process of Early Interview Week at Fordham begins with an orientation approximately one month before, given by the Career Planning Center. Assistant Dean Micheal Schlmo, with the faithful assistance of a very hard working staff, admirably put together an orientation that had something for everyone. The book that is distributed to all eligible candidates includes a complete fall calendar of interview events, in particular the dates that law firms will be on campus, the addresses and telephone numbers for every law firm in New York City, sample resumes, public interest and government job opportunities, and much, much more! The book is impressive, to say the least and is a companion to the DLE (Directory of Legal Employers). The DLE is given out at the end of the Spring semester to students about to enter their second year (day) or third year (evening). It includes profiles of law firms across the country, listing salaries, number of hires, hiring criteria and other information law students might want to know prior to an interview. Approximately thirty-five of the nation’s largest and most prestigious law firms grace the halls of Fordham University with their presence during this period a week prior to the beginning of classes for first year students. I vividly recall being enthused and excited about the prospect of early interview week. Two students at the orientation had discussed their summer opportunities and the fact that although grades play a tremendous part (about 98% give or take) in job determinations, you can get a job with a mediocre transcript.

On Monday, August 17 at 9:40am, I had my first official on-campus interview with the firm I had selected as the one I’d most like to interview with. The session went very well (as did the others I had that week). What surprised me was no matter how well my interviews went, they gave me no real indicator as to whether I would or would not receive a further interview. The interviews are only twenty minutes long so its understandable that the person sitting across the desk really does not have enough time to make any valuable assessment of a candidate’s qualifications beyond the numbers on the transcript.

I soon discovered we were all in the same boat. For example, one student I know began early interview week with a single scheduled interview, but by the end of the week had secured several through diligence and persistence. Other students I knew had so many interviews, that at some point mid-week, they canceled interviews with firms which were lower on their priority list. But the vast majority of students fell between these two extremes - they had scheduled interviews, and were grateful for the opportunity to answer such questions as: “Why do you want to be a lawyer?” “What do you know about our firm?” “Do you like Fordham?” “Why do you think you would be an asset to the firm of Big Shot, Bigger Shot and So and So?” In response to the latter query, we quickly learned, if we didn’t already know before, that we couldn’t just say “I think I would be an asset to your firm because I really really need this job!”

The National Jurist

"Real-World Rankings"

The top law firms in the country focus their hiring on a small number of schools. Listed below are schools as ranked by proportion of students placed with law firms.

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Source: The National Jurist (as taken from an April survey by The American Lawyer). Rankings are based on the number of graduates hired by the top 100 law firms in 1996 and 1997.

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So You Want To Be A Journalist?

By Maria C. John

I will frequently use this space to express my opinion. However, I thought a list of the requirements for submitting articles to The Advocate might be more useful in this issue. So to all of those eager students who signed up to write for the newspaper, here are the guidelines you should follow, compliments of Ilona Stanley, our Articles Editor.

Recommended Format for Article Submissions to The Advocate.

1. Typed Single space
2. Double space between paragraphs
3. No tabs (left justification for paragraphing)
4. Submission title, if any, in bold when possible
5. "By" your name and two-digit class year underneath the title
6. Hard copies only, please
7. Letter-size paper
8. 12-point font
9. Please spell/grammar check your hard copy along with any pictures to Maria John, 3E or Ilona Stanley, 3D.
10. Try not to use first-person voice unless you're writing what's supposed or be an opinion or commentary column
11. Please enjoy the effort you put in to make your writing as best as possible
12. Submit your hard copy along with any pictures to Maria John, 3E or Ilona Stanley, 3D.

Remaining September Events:

23rd: (Wednesday) Panel Presentation on the Mission to Turkey. 5:30 - 6:30pm, McNally.

25th: (Friday) Deadline to submit examination conflict forms

29th (Tuesday) - Yom Kippur (after sundown). No classes after 6pm.

30th (Wednesday) - Yom Kippor. No classes.

October Events:

1st (Thursday) Kick-Off of Latino Awareness Month. Platt Atrium

3rd: (Saturday) Dean's Day: This year's topic is MegaMergers: The Future or Fantasy? Sign up at Alumni Affairs.

4th: (Sunday) Family Day for all first year students. Family members and partners of first year students are encouraged to attend. 2:30pm - 6:00pm

6th: (Tuesday) Noreen E. McNamara Memorial Lecture Series presents a lecture by the Honorable Marina H. Blank Horn '69, United States Court of Federal Claims. 6:00pm. McNally

11th: (Sunday) LALSA sponsored Theatre Outing. Repertorio Espanol, Evening performance.

13th: (Tuesday) Wednesday schedule of classes.

21st: (Saturday) LALSA sponsored outing: Museo del Barrio, 12:00pm

30th: (Friday) Salsa with LALSA. Join LALSA members as they teach participants how to dance Latin style. Room TBA.
The Fordham Follies is Looking For A Few New Members

The Follies produces a show each year that spoofs Fordham, the Administration, the Professors and the Students.

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FALL 1998 SEASON

PARTENOPE* Handel 1730
ORFEO ED EURIDICE* Gluck 1762
IL BARRIERE DI SIVIGLIA Rossini 1816
RIGOLETTO Verdi 1851
HANSEL AND GRETEL* Humperdinck 1893
TOSCA* Puccini 1900
MADAMA BUTTERFLY* Puccini 1906
THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN Janáček 1924
CARMINA BURANA Off 1937
& THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS Well/Brecht 1933
OF MICE AND MEN* Floyd 1969
* new production

FALL SEASON OPENS SEP 10-NOV 22. Student Rush tickets must be purchased on day of the performance at the New York State Theater box office and are subject to availability. The box office opens at 11am on Monday through Saturday, and at 11:30am on Sunday. Students must present valid I.D. when purchasing tickets. Two tickets per student are available. New York City Opera, New York State Theater at Lincoln Center, 63rd St. and Columbus Ave.

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DEAN'S LETTER TO STUDENTS

Fordham University School of Law Office of the Dean August, 1998 (Reprinted with Permission of Dean John D. Feerick)

Dear Student,

On behalf of the faculty and administration, I welcome back to the School our returning students and welcome again our entering class. This brief report contains some of the changes which have occurred over the summer, as well as other initiatives that the School will be undertaking in the upcoming months. It also acknowledges some of the members of our community whose leadership makes Fordham such a special place.

I begin by recognizing Father Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., whose stewardship as President of the University for the past 14 years has made possible so many accomplishments and the realization of many dreams, including the magnificent new library on the Rose Hill campus. This year, he celebrates his 50th anniversary as a Jesuit, and I know that all faculty, students, and members of the Law School administration join me in celebrating this milestone in his life.

I would also like to mention another significant presence in the history of the Law School: Father George J. McMahon, S.J. At this year's University commencement, Father McMahon, who has served as Vice President of our Lincoln Center campus, Dean of Fordham College, and University chaplain, was recognized for his contributions by having the Lincoln Center Residence Hall named in his honor. It is a honor which is truly deserved, as all who know him are aware.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

This year, in recognition of twenty year's service to Fordham University, the Bene Merenti medal will be awarded to Professors Andrew Sims, Hugh Hansen, and Maria Marcus. Also to be honored, with the Archbishop Hughes Medal, is Kathleen Keenan, our Associate Director of Financial Aid, who oversees the School's Student Loan Program. On behalf of the Fordham Law community, I congratulate them and thank them for their many outstanding service.

FACULTY

I am very pleased to announce that three members of our faculty have been granted tenure by the University: Associate Professors Matthew Diller, Nicolas Johnson, and Daniel Richman.

I am also delighted to report the reappointments of Professors Elizabeth B. Cooper, Mark R. Patterson, and Benjamin C. Zipursky as Associate Professors in the Law School.

I know that you join me in congratulating all of these faculty members on their accomplishments.

NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY

Joining this year as a member of our tenure-track faculty is Professor Gideon Parchomovsky. Professor Parchomovsky is a graduate of Hebrew University (LL.B., 1993) and holds and LL.M. (1995) from Boalt Hall (University of California at Berkeley) and a J.S.D. from Yale University. He was a Fulbright Fellow, 1994-96, and served as Legal Clerk (1992-93) to the Hon. Elihu Massa, Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel. He was also associated with the firm of Zeev Weil and Co. in 1993, and from 1986-89, he served as Special Forces Commander with the Israel Defense Forces. His principal subject is Property.

FACULTY SABBATICALS

Professors Carl Felsenfeld and Tracy Higgins will be on sabbatical during this fall semester, and Professors Martin Flaherty and Andrew Sims will be away on sabbatical leaves in the spring semester.

Returning to the School after spring 1998 sabbaticals are Professors Russell Pearce, Roger Goebel, and Joseph Sweeney. Professor William Treanor, who was also on sabbatical this past spring, is presently on leave as an Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel.

NEW ADJUNCT CLINICAL FACULTY

We give a special welcome to Professor Pamela Rogers Chepiga, who heads the School's newly created Securities Arbitration Clinic. Professor Chepiga is a 1973 honors graduate of our Law School, where she served as Notes Editor of the Law Review. She served as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy of the Southern District of New York, where she served as Chief of the Securities and Commodities Frauds Unit (1982-84); and as a member of the litigation department at Cadwalder, Wickersham & Taft (1984-93), where she specialized as a partner in securities litigation and white collar criminal defense.

ADJUNCT FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Tina Stark and Michael Lane have been promoted to the rank of Adjunct Professor. Professor Stark teaches Introduction to the Deal and Commercial and Corporate Drafting. Professor Lane teaches Legal Writing.

THE ENTERING CLASS

This has been another strong year in the admissions area, with the School continuing to attract an outstanding entering class. Applications rose by 10%, compared to an increase of one-half of one percent nationally and a similar, slight increase in our region, the Northeast.

There was a 9% increase in applications for the Day Division, 7% in the Evening Division, and a 44% increase in transfer and visitor applications. The median LSAT for the Day Division was 163 (or 90th percentile). Statistics for our Even

The representation of women went from 43.7% last year to 47.4% this year. We also continued to attract strong candidates from across the country, with 164 colleges and universities represented in the entering class. Students in our Day and Evening Divisions come from 26 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, with 40% of the Day Division coming from out of state. In the Evening Division, 11 states are represented.

Students in the Day Division entering class range from 19 to 48, with the average age being 23. In the Evening Division, the range is from 20 to 50, with an average age 28. Members of the Day and Evening divisions have earned 43 advanced degrees, including 11 J.D.s, 1 M.D., and 7 M.B.A.s. These advanced degrees cover such subjects as architecture, international affairs, Talamus studies, dramatic writing, engineering, and journalism, to name but a few.

There are 73 majors represented in the entering class. The 10 most represented, followed, by number of students, are political science (87), psychology (45), English (44), history (42), economics (22), sociology (18), biology (18), philosophy (16), finance (15), accounting (14).

For this year's entering class in the Graduate Program (as of August 12), we received 189 applications (from 49 countries), a 12% increase in the number of applications received by this date last year. Fifty-nine new students have enrolled, and 19 students have registered to return from last year, bringing the total enrollment in our two LL.M. programs to 78. The Program currently enrolls students from 29 countries.

PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENTS

This past January, we welcomed Fran Sheeley to the Law School as Director of Development. Ms. Sheeley, who was formerly director of development for the Legal Aid Society and for the Fresh Air Fund, and other leading organizations in their field, has now been joined by three additional development officers. Her staff consists of Margaret M. O'Brien, a graduate of Smith College and Fordham Law Class of 1986; Rachel Schwartz, a graduate of Cornell University, Class of 1991; and Julia Lemmon, a graduate of Fordham College, Class of 1989. This new team will greatly expand the School's development efforts and help us to continue to remain among the most competitive institutions in the nation.

CROWLEY HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

I would like to welcome back to the Law School Rob Quinn '94 as our 1998-99 Joseph R. Crowley Fellow in International Human Rights. Rob succeeds Mike Sweeney, the first holder of the fellowship, who did such an outstanding job in setting up the program and won accolades from all members of our community. Mike has joined the firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, and we wish him every success in his new position.

Rob Quinn is a 1985 cum laude graduate of Princeton University and an honors graduate of the Law School. While at Fordham, he received the MCI International Fellowship and served as Senior Articles Editor of the Fordham Law Review. From 1994-96, he clerked

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which is referred to as an "enterprise network," since it allows access points not only in the computer lab, but also around the Law School building in such areas as the library carrels, the Platt Atrium, and the cafeteria, among other locations. This network provides students with personalized "logons," 5 Megabytes of storage space for personal documents and research, access to the Internet, Office 97 and Corel WordPerfect, the University Notes Email system, and printing. We hope to have all laptop connections completed by the spring semester. Other initiatives (scheduled for fall semester) include completion of "networking" the student journals and student organizations, adding computers in the law library to enhance our growing clinical program, and making available remote access (from home or the residence hall) to Email and the Internet.

COMING EVENTS
SBA President Rachel Reingold informs me that this year's New York Cares Day will be held on Saturday, October 17. All students, faculty, administrators, and staff of the Fordham Law community are encouraged to participate in this very special event, which involves the cleaning and painting of a New York City school. Volunteers are asked to assemble at 8:00 a.m. in Bryant Park, located at Sixth Avenue and 42nd Street. Michael Perna, SBA Evening Division Vice President, is the contact person. More information on New York Cares Day will be available soon.

The School will host a number of important programs this year. On November 6, 1998, the eighth annual Stein Center Symposium will present a full-day program entitled The Changing Role of the Federal Prosecutor: In Memory of William M. Tendy. (Mr. Tendy was a distinguished graduate of the Law School who served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for thirty years.) The symposium, to which students are invited, will result in a special edition of the Fordham Urban Law Journal include a transcript of the proceedings.

From December 4-6, 1998, the Stein Center will co-sponsor an invitational conference on The Delivery of Legal Services to Low-Income Persons: Professional and Ethical Issues. The Proceedings will be published in the Fordham Law Review's fifth annual ethics book.

From December 7-9, 1998, the Stein Institute will co-sponsor a major interfaith conference on Rediscoversing the Role of Religion in the Lives of Lawyers and Those They Represent.

The Robert L. Levine Lecture Series has two lectures planned for the year. In February, Louis Henkin (University Professor Emeritus and Special Services Professor at Columbia University School of Law) will deliver the first Levine Lecture, and Professor Martha L. Minnow, of Harvard Law School, will speak in April. More specific dates will be announced later.

ALUMNI NEWS
The Fordham Law Alumni Association, a great strength of the School under the outstanding direction of Dean Reilly, has been very active during the summer. In June, more than 30 alumni traveled to Northern Ireland to meet with human rights workers, jurists, and elected officials. In July, over 200 alumni gathered at the Westchester Country Club for the annual Mulligan Scholarship, Tennis, and Golf outing.

October's highlights include the Dean's Day program on Saturday, October 3rd, which will explore the recent history of mega-mergers. On Tuesday, October 13th, our Corporate Counsel Association will honor Mary McDonald '69, the general counsel of Merck & Company, with its Richard Bennett Award.

GRADUATE PROGRAM
This year our Graduate Program, which offers the L.L.M. in Banking, Corporate & Finance Law and International Business & Trade Law, celebrates its tenth anniversary with a reunion in Paris in June. We now have 281 L.L.M. graduates from 56 countries. Recently, L.L.M. alumni chapters were established in Japan and Spain. The Japanese Chapter is the first Fordham Law Alumni Association chapter established outside the United States.

CLINICAL PROGRAM
The Securities Arbitration Clinic, directed by Professor Pamela Rogers Chepiga, is the latest addition to our Clinical Program. It offers students an opportunity to represent claimants in arbitrations in resolving disputes before the National Association of Securities Dealers and the New York Stock Exchange.

FINANCIAL AID
Our Financial Aid Director, James McGough, informs me that there have been a number of changes in the Federal Student Loan Program. To help you better understand those changes, his office has prepared a new, 1998-1999 Financial Aid Guidebook. The Guidebook was sent to all first year students, but upper class students can stop by the Financial Aid office to pick up their own copies.

CONCLUSION
The Dean's Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 1998 in the McNally Amphitheatre at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

I wish you a very successful year. All the best.

Sincerely,
John D. Feerick, Dean
Throw Your Fears Out the Window: Finding Higher Ground in Law School

by Prof. Paula A. Franzese*

No matter what you may have heard or read to the contrary, the law remains a most noble profession. The practice of law offers tremendous opportunities to do well and, even more essentially, to do good. During the more trying moments of the law school experience, remind yourselves: "I am going to be a lawyer." Feel proud and privileged by that fact.

Dreams brought you here. You are now on the road to fulfilling those dreams. And that sets you apart from the guy sitting next to you on the train, or from the woman sitting across from you at the laundromat. You are special. You are fortunate. Millions never get the chance that you have now. You are creating something for yourselves, and it is very good and it is very important.

The true challenge for the years to come is that you hold tight to your ideals, to your goodness, to your commitment to exalting the kinder virtues. Certainly there are risks involved. To place your ideals before the crowd is to risk feeling vulnerable. To act in furtherance of those ideals is to risk ridicule and disappointment. But risks must be taken. To lose yourself because of self-defeating ideas, or as a consequence of the assessments of others, is to surrender all that you are and all that you stand for. It is a betrayal of the legacies and hard-learned lessons of all who have come before you, who believe in you, and who have so much to do with your being here now. Never surrender. You are too talented, and there is too much to be done.

THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR THE ADVOCATE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 FROM 5:00 - 6:30PM IN ROOM 26. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED! IF YOU'RE A GOOD WRITER (OR JUST THINK YOU ARE), THEN PLEASE ATTEND OR LEAVE ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS IN MARIA JOHN'S BOX (3E) OR ILONA STANLEY'S BOX (3D) THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!
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