

## **Resolve to Have a Great Spring Semester**

Welcome back! The spring semester offers new opportunities to learn, explore, and gain experience. If you're a New Year's resolution-maker, then here are some career-related resolutions to guide you during the new semester:

### **For First Year and Accelerated JD Students:**

- Resolve to refocus on your academic performance and continue to improve your study skills. Your first semester grades do not define you. A new podcast on grades is now posted on Symplicity that discusses how to report grades and suggestions for moving forward both academically and in your job search.
- Resolve to stay connected to the CSO by logging on to Symplicity on a regular basis. Symplicity lists summer jobs, part-time positions, job fairs, and programs to help teach you about career opportunities. Symplicity is our conduit to students – resolve to access it regularly!
- Resolve to secure law-related summer employment in order to test-drive your assumptions and build your résumé. Now is the time to research opportunities and send applications. You're not late at this point in the semester, but you should have a game plan in place very soon. Make an appointment with a CSO counselor to help guide you through this process.

### **For Second Year Students:**

- Resolve to envision your third year and how it will play out in terms of co-op, clinics, and course work. It seems premature to think this far ahead, but successful job seekers are also careful planners. You should contemplate co-op opportunities and whether or not to consider a full-year co-op during your third year. You also need to consider bar exam options and how those choices will drive your full-time job search next year.
- If you don't have a summer job lined up, resolve not to panic but, instead, to swing into action this month. Start by scheduling an appointment with a CSO counselor. It helps to have an objective advisor review your résumé and cover letter and guide you through the process step-by-step. No shame spiral, folks – come on in!

### **For Third Year Students:**

- Resolve to start your “launch sequence” as you move toward graduation. Your final semester of law school is an important time to envision the months leading to graduation and beyond. This process includes planning a

successful bar exam study process and expectations regarding your post-graduate job search. Schedule an appointment to discuss how your final semester is going to play out and your individual game plan for post-graduation. We are here to help you create a game plan that keeps the momentum and holds you accountable. What are you waiting for? Come on in!

To all students, the CSO staff welcomes you back and looks forward to working with you this semester.

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