

The 1L Timeline

August – 1L – Arrive, get books, meet classmates, and get busy. Make sure you have a copy of your transcript.

Oct. –Begin Career Planning. Attend CPPD Orientation, Draft Resume and Cover Letter. Learn basics of a job search and transferrable skills. Apply for mentor.

Dec. Draft resume and cover letter. Finals, Break, Info Interviews, Prep for Spr. OCI, Apply to law firms programs, Gov't Honors HB, Public Policy HB . Apply for Summer Assoc.

Feb. CPPD App'ts and apply to jobs. Attend networking events in FL, and other areas. Govt honors! Write to judges and small firms.

Apr. Mock Interview Fall OCI Programs. Make Appts. Apply to Chicago IP Fair. Think about research assistance work.

June Revise resume and cover letter for OCI. Summer Networking with alum and area contacts. Make Writing sample!

Sept. Study groups, outlining, avoiding parking tickets, and take Strengthsfinder and attend Discover Your Strengths

Nov. Attend CPPD workshops. Develop a contact and deadlines list for job apps. Review of gov't handbook. Prepare for finals.

Jan. CPPD appts to discuss job search. Get grades, revise resume and cover letter. Attend CPPD Programs, talk to profs about recs for jobs.

Mar. Spring break!!! Info Interviews, Networking events, observe court. Mock Interview. Start finding summer housing. Learn about summer networking. Attend C.I.L.

May. Finals. Start work. Relocate for work. Start networking. Look into SEMJF and apply.

July – Apply to Fall OCI! Judicial clerkship apps for post grad. Network with grads. Attend SEMJF Conference.