

# New Technology Enhances

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SERVICES

The Professional Development Office (PDO) recently purchased software to centralize many services provided to students, alumni, and employers. Career Services Manager, Powered by Symplicity, was developed specifically for law school career planning offices. It allows students and alumni to create personal profiles regarding their career interests, education, and background. PDO staff can quickly and easily identify students and alumni with particular interests, either geographically or by specific career focus. A notification system alerts students when new positions are available. Employers can also create profiles with Symplicity, which can be searched and “tagged as favorites” by job seekers.

Symplicity streamlines on-campus recruiting for both students and employers. Employers who wish to participate in on-campus interviews create a profile and specify the materials they need from students. Students,

in turn, upload the requested information. Students and employers can “recruit in their pajamas” 24/7, while reducing the amount of time and paper spent on the recruiting process. As more schools implement Symplicity, employers can create one profile and submit their requests for both on-campus interviews and job postings to numerous schools – all with the click of a mouse.

Symplicity allows users to view a calendar of upcoming events and schedule appointments with PDO staff. In short, Symplicity is a “one-stop-shop” for students, alumni, and employers seeking service from the PDO.

Accounts have been created for all alumni. Beginning July 1, 2009, alumni will be able to access Symplicity by logging into their lifetime e-mail accounts. An e-mail from the PDO staff will include instructions for accessing Symplicity.

 **Alumni:** Access your lifetime alumni e-mail account at [www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/email/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/email/)

 **Employers:** Register, create a Symplicity profile, and recruit outstanding Washburn Law students at <https://law-washburn-csm.symplicity.com/> (Note: Do not type “www” before this address.)

## DEBT REDUCTION OPTIONS ADDRESSED

The College Cost Reduction and Accessibility Act (CCRAA) provides unprecedented debt relief to graduates pursuing careers with nonprofit organizations and government agencies.

On April 8, Heather Jarvis, an expert on federal loan forgiveness law, provided information indispensable to those concerned about law school debt (law students, practicing attorneys, legal employers, and law school advisors). Jarvis discussed the CCRAA and newer federal loan forgiveness programs for civil legal services attorneys, prosecutors, and defenders

under the Higher Education Reauthorization and College Opportunity Act of 2008. She also provided information regarding qualifying employment, eligible loans, repayment plans, and tax implications.

Jarvis is senior program manager for Law School Advocacy at Equal Justice Works and vice chair of the ABA Section of Legal Education’s Committee on Government Relations and Student Financial Aid.

 Presentations are available for viewing at [www.washburnlaw.edu/career/debt/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/career/debt/)

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