Career Services Office at John Marshall Law School

Laurel Hajek, the Assistant Dean for Career Services, is responsible for overseeing the office of seven career counselors, one office manager, and one office coordinator. As a former law student and practicing attorney, Hajek is aware of the needs of both the students and alumni that she serves. She holds a JD from Vanderbilt University School of Law and a MBA from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to joining John Marshall in 2004, she held the position of Assistant Dean of Career Services at the University of Dayton School of Law. She also spent three years with Cincinnati's Ernst & Young, where she specialized in firm sales strategy and communication. Furthermore, she spent three years as a litigator with a Florida-based firm, has held council and committee posts with the National Association for Law Placement, and served as the president of the Ohio Law Placement Consortium.

Cheryl Wright, an Associate Director with the Career Services Office, performs a range of duties including managing the on-campus recruitment program, managing outreach operations with private sector employers, and counseling students and alumni in all career planning areas. She has worked as a Senior Career Advisor at Shannon and Manch LLP and also at Bingham McCutchen LLP in Washington, DC, where was involved with the firm's attorney professional development programs. She was also an associate in the Telecommunications and Media group at Skadden Arps. Wright earned her JD from Harvard Law School and her BA from Howard University.

Sahar Dar is also an Associate Director of the Career Services Office. She provides counseling on career planning, job search methods, and interview skills and also assists with programming. Furthermore, she produces the weekly newsletter, and functions as a liaison between the office and the student organization. Before her time at John Marshall, Dar spent four years at Schiff Hardin LLP, where she practiced corporate law and oversaw a pro bono family law program, which expanded to a city-wide CVLS clinic under her management. Dar now serves as the program's director. She holds a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and also a business certificate from The Wharton School. She completed her undergraduate studies at Case Western Reserve University, where she graduated summa cum laude.

Tiffany Farber is an Associate Director at the Career Services Office where she serves those who wish to participate in post-graduate judicial clerkships at the state or federal level. She also counsels on career planning, job search procedures, and interviewing skills. Prior to joining John Marshall she was a solo practitioner and career coach. She also served as a staff attorney and pro bono coordinator at the Center for Disability and Elder Law. Prior to that, she worked as a Public Interest Law Initiative Intern at Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago. She earned her JD from Indiana University Maurer School of Law and holds a BA in Journalism from Indiana University-Bloomington.

Associate Director Kim Isemann also provides career, job search, and interviewing assistance but also specializes in working with students who are pursuing public interest careers. She also manages the federal work study program. Isemann graduated magna cum laude from The John Marshall Law School and summa cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans, where she earned a BBA in Finance and a BS in Political Science.

Chante Spann is an Associate Director at John Marshall. In addition to advising students on issues concerning career planning, the job search, and interviews, she also handles private employer outreach and diversity initiatives. Before joining the law school, she was a Senior Attorney at Chico & Nunes, P.C. She was also an associate at Goldberg Kohn Bell Black Rosenbloom & Mortiz Ltd, and at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP. She holds a JD from New York University School of Law and a BA in Psychology from Emory University.

Stacia Goldstein is a Career Planning Specialist who manages programming within the Career Services Office. In addition to her involvement with the Alumni Mentor Program, mock interviews, and employer receptions, she also provides counseling services. Prior to joining the Office of Career Services in 1999, she devoted five years to counseling journalism students and alumni at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She holds a master's degree in College Student Personnel & Counseling from Loyola University Chicago and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Meghan Riley, an Employer Outreach Coordinator, specializes in networking with alumni partners and organizations to establish internship and permanent employment possibilities for students and alumni. Before becoming a member of the Career Services Office, Riley was an associate with Quarles & Brady LLP. She graduated magna cum laude from The John Marshall Law School and holds a bachelor’s degree in English/Dance from the University of Iowa.

The Office Manager, Sue Monette, has served the Career Services Office for 25 years. Not only does she handle the on-campus interview program, but she is also involved with the Alumni Mentor Program, reciprocity, job bulletins, and the development of student and employer databases.

Dennis Mazur, the office’s Career Services Coordinator, schedules appointments, manages student and employer requests, provides assistance within Symplicity, and posts jobs. He previously held jobs as an Administrative Assistant for a Chicago nonprofit organization and as an Information Specialist and Temporary Director of an academic library.