



CDO: The 2L Summer Job Search

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Dear Rising 2Ls:

We hope you are all continuing to stay safe and healthy. These trying times make it particularly challenging for us to know whether we are getting the timing, frequency, or content of our communications quite right. We would welcome your feedback about this. Our aim is to reduce stress, not heighten it.

As we mentioned in our June 24 email (which you can find in [our Summer email archive](#)), we recorded a [video](#) last week, in which we discussed the timeline for applying to all kinds of 2L summer jobs, what we anticipate in light of the COVID-19 crisis, and how you can be as compelling a candidate as possible for the types of jobs you are pursuing. Those of you who feel ready to engage in thinking about the next steps in your legal career and who prefer to have an idea of what is coming well in advance can [view it now](#). There are some things that you can be doing over the course of the summer to help you prepare and get out of the way before classes begin again.

Those of you who are not ready to engage right now, or who would prefer to focus on your summer job, should feel free to view it later in the summer. Do keep in mind, however, that there will be some employers with early fall semester application deadlines, such as some highly competitive non-profit organizations, some federal agencies with summer honors programs (e.g., US DOJ, FTC, etc.) and a handful of private public interest firms.

The [video](#) covers public interest, government, large firm, and small firm job searches. We realize many of you will be considering more than one of these options and will want to be informed about the relative timing, which is quite different this year.

Let us know if you have any questions about the video's content, the 2L summer job search or anything else for that matter. We continue [to be available](#) throughout the summer and beyond.

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