

helping careers take flight



It is anticipated that ACAN will develop into an even greater resource with the ability to offer career assistance along with serving as a resource for panels, conferences, speakers and continuing legal education.

The competitive and tight legal job market can be daunting, whether you are a student looking for a first position or a seasoned professional considering a move. Marquette Law alumni are a valuable networking resource for students and each other. In fact, informal mentoring has been going on for decades—students contacting established attorneys for advice and colleagues calling each other to network. Now, under the direction of Paul Katzman, assistant dean for career planning, a formal program—**The Alumni Career Assistance Network (ACAN)**—is in place and will assist ALL Marquette Law graduates and students in connecting with each

other. The ACAN is now established and growing, and you are invited and encouraged to become involved.

The purpose of ACAN is to assist Marquette students and graduates in learning about career options and opportunities, the realities of practicing law, legal job markets (particularly those outside Wisconsin), and an array of other career and practice-related information that is critical to landing positions that are a good fit. Participation is completely voluntary and is administered through a large database that is being compiled. Information providers (that is you...alumni) are asked to go to the web and submit information, includ-

ing your preferred level of participation. Information is then added to the data base so when alumni or students need a resource, they can be directed to the appropriate person. Once you get a certain number of hits, you will be flagged so that your participation can be temporarily frozen, if you wish, so that you are not inundated with calls or inquiries.

“This is basically an information, insight and advice sharing network,” said Paul, who was very eager to point out what ACAN is NOT. It is *not* intended as a direct source for jobs. Alumni participants are NOT expected to provide employment. “We only ask that you serve as a career advisor,” said Paul, “imparting valuable knowledge that only an experienced practitioner can impart.” This project is the manifestation of a wonderful continuum of alumni helping their own that has been developing for generations. “You are always part of Marquette,” said Paul of the alumni, “and you are needed.”

“We are developing this network to assist our students and alumni and to involve and engage them in the Law School,” said Paul. “We are very grateful for their participation; our alumni are our greatest resource.” Presently there are approximately 50 registered participants and the numbers continue to grow. To make it viable, people seeking a network counselor need to have choices. So, you are invited to get involved and share your greatest assets—your experience and advice.

Sign me up!

Here’s how to do it: To register to participate in ACAN, you need only complete the Alumni Career Assistance network Registration Form. The form can be completed online at www.marquette.edu/law/career/networkform.html. If you wish to print out and complete a hard copy of the form, simply click on “PDF of this form” link located at the bottom of that web page or contact the Career Planning Center (414.288.3313 or mulawcareers@marquette.edu) to request a form. The form can be submitted via fax (414.288.7361) or mail (Marquette Law School, Attn: ACAN, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881).

How do I utilize it?

To utilize the network right now, please contact the Career Planning Center at the number below. Eventually, the network will be self supporting online with matches made electronically and alumni and students accessing the site through the Law site using a special password. Right now, all matches are made manually through the Career Planning Center.

If you have further questions on how you can become involved, please contact Paul Katzman, assistant dean for Career Planning, at 414.288.3313 or paul.katzman@marquette.edu. •

This is an information, insight and advice sharing network. We ask only that you share your career advice.

ALUMNI CAREER ASSISTANCE NETWORK REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form if you are interested in participating in the Alumni Career Assistance Network.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
 M.U.L.S. Class Year _____

Home Contact Information
 Address: _____
 City and State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Employment Information
 Occupation: _____ Title: _____ Years in Field: _____
 Practice Area(s) (if attorney): _____
 Employer Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City and State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Job Description: _____
 Preferred Contact Location: Home Office Other
 Preferred Contact Method: Phone Email Other

Undergraduate Education
 Degree and Major: _____
 Date Awarded: _____
 Institution: _____

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