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Exploring Your Options 1: Public Sector

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The Office of Career Development recently hosted the fall session of their Exploring Your Options event in the RWU Law Atrium. An array of attorneys attended the event to share information with our law students on what it is like to work in different areas of the legal industry, focusing on the public sector.

A majority of the employer representatives in attendance were alumni of the School of Law, which allowed students to have more in-depth and personal conversations about transitioning from law student to legal practitioner.

"Exploring Your Options was a great event," said Nicole Verdi '14. "It provided students with an opportunity to talk to many lawyers in different legal fields, all in one night. I thoroughly enjoyed answering students' questions and explaining what I do as a Rhode Island Supreme Court Judicial Clerk. All in all, I believe the students received a lot of helpful information at the event, and the professionals had a great time as well! As a recent graduate, I was proud to participate."

Other participating employers included the Department of Labor and Training, the Immigration Law Education & Advocacy Project, the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Massachusetts Superior Court, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, the Providence Law Department, the Providence Redevelopment Agency, the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights, Rhode Island Legal Services, the Rhode Island Public Defender, the Rhode Island Law Clerk Department and the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Throughout the course of the evening, groups of students rotated through the employer tables at specific intervals, in a "speed networking" type of setting. With each visit, attorneys offered insight to their particular sector or area of practice, allowing students the opportunity to consider different fields to pursue as well as to discuss any internship possibilities. The attorneys also shared advice regarding work experiences, course selection and activities that students should participate in during law school that would best prepare them for a career in a particular area.
Troy Shuman, a current 3L student shared “I thought that the event was fantastic. I enjoyed the mix of different employers and their enthusiasm for engaging us in conversation. I hope to be a presenter one day!”

The Office of Career Development will host the second part of its Exploring Your Options series with a spring event focused on the private sector, and looks forward to hosting more alumni and to an equally successful event. Thank you to all who participated!

Special thanks to everyone in the Office of Career Development and to all of the great alumni who contributed to this blog!