I would like to thank the ABA Law Student Division again for providing the generous grant of $962 for the Evening Division Alumni Career Panel. The event was a huge success and helped to inform evening students on different approaches to experiential learning as well as job transitions in the legal field.

Five recent graduates were chosen because of their impressive and diverse backgrounds and experiences. The panel members were: Christopher Josten (TU Law ’18), Jessica Wood (TU Law ’18), Rosemary Auge (TU Law ’13), Dana Bonfiglio (TU Law ’18), and Shanna Makarova (TU Law ’18). Dana and Shanna currently work as transactional attorneys for Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, but have varied experience prior to their work at CHOP in both intellectual property law and engineering prior to working in the legal field. Christopher is currently working as a clerk to a federal judge in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Jessica is an attorney in the Office of the City Solicitor of Philadelphia in the Child Welfare Unit. Rosemary Auge is a Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in the Capital Habeas Unit.

The panel was prompted with questions via a student moderator, who created questions based on personal experience and the Google Form RSVP, which allowed students to share questions and issues that they wanted to be addressed. The discussion started with a question about 1LE year and flowed chronologically through to the study process for the bar and employment process. After the event, there was a reception where students could ask their individual questions and actually talk to attorneys directly.

There is a lot of stress around understanding the career opportunities available to evening students. In addition, because each evening student has their own career path, they each have questions that are individualized based on those experiences. Opening up the line of communications between former and current students sparked an excitement about the future and the possibilities ahead for the people in attendance.

We had an excellent turnout – especially considering that it was on a Friday evening. The 30 people who were present for the event were excited and hopeful to get a chance to make this an annual occurrence. The alumni and the students both had positive feedback. The alumni all kept echoing the same sentiment - which was that they all wish the event had been around when they were in school. The feedback from the students was positive and appreciative that they were given the chance to get clarity on issues important to them.
The total cost for this event was $919, $80 of which is being paid by the Temple Law Student Bar Association. There was no charge and therefore no revenue for this event. Thank you again for the generous grant for this event. Temple Law School’s Evening Division was able to provide invaluable practical knowledge and insight to the students in an innovative way and we hope to showcase the success of this event so that we can continue to further this type of work in the future.

Sincerely,
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EVENING PROGRAM ALUMNI CAREER PANEL

MARCH 15, 2019
6PM TO 7:30PM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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Event Date:
March 15th, 2019

Event Location:
Klein Hall
K1A & K1B

Event Time:
6:00PM - 7:30PM
Reception to follow

 Attire:
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This is an ABA Sponsored Event.

Panel Members:

Shanna Makarova, Esq. TU Law '18
Shanna received her B.S. in Biology Neuroscience in 2011 from Penn State University and her J.D. in 2018 from Temple University Beasley School of Law. Prior to attending law school she worked as a lab manager for a genotyping company in New York. She moved back to Philadelphia and started to work as a full-time paralegal at a personal injury firm while attending Temple in the evening. She became an associate at the same law firm she’s been with for 3 years after passing the Pennsylvania bar last summer. She has recently decided to make the switch from litigation to transactional work and has just accepted a position as a contracts administrator at CHOP.

Jessica Wood, Esq. TU Law '18
Jessica Wood began law school as an evening student in 2014. After 3 years of working full time and attending law school, she spent her last semester working part time and attending school full time to graduate in three and a half years. During law school, Jess was able to attend the Rome
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Dana Bonfiglio, Esq. TU Law '18
Dana graduated in 2011 from Drexel University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in biomedical engineering. After graduation, Dana worked in clinical research and clinical research administration at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Thinking that she wanted to pursue a career in patent law, Dana started law school as an evening student in 2014 at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law. While at Temple Law, Dana interned in a personal injury firm and an intellectual property firm, before working in the chambers of the Honorable Abbe F. Fletman, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, during her final year of law school. Dana graduated in January 2018 and returned to a position at CHOP in the Office of Collaborative and Corporate Research Contracts.

Rosemary Auge, Esq. TU Law '13
Rosemary Auge earned a BA in English Literature and Theater Arts from Rutgers University and a JD from Temple Law School, Evening Division. While at Temple, she worked for Judge Ramy I. Djerassi in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, taking a brief hiatus from this position to summer at a Philadelphia firm. Following graduation in 2013, she clerked for Judge William H. Yohn in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Judge Cheryl A. Krause in the Third Circuit. Rosemary is currently employed with the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in the Capital Habeas Unit, where she represents clients throughout the country.

Christopher Josten TU Law '18
Mr. Josten grew up in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He earned his undergraduate degree from Villanova University in civil engineering. He worked as a civil/structural engineer in both the residential/commercial and heavy industrial sectors for about a dozen years with a multi-year sabbatical during which time he did social work. He started in Temple Law’s program in August 2014. During his time here, he interned in Federal Bankruptcy Court, Federal District Court, and the Philly District Attorney’s Office. Mr. Josten graduated May 2018 and passed the bar. As of September 2018, he works as a federal law clerk in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
We hope to see you there!

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Thank you for taking the time to RSVP! We look forward to seeing you there!