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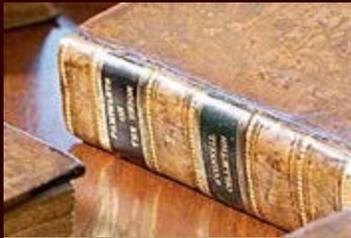
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Newton, MA--Boston College Law School is pleased to announce a significant restructuring of its Career Services Office that includes the promotion of three current staff members and the hiring of two new staff members. The promoted staff members will head up new functional areas in Public Interest and Pro Bono (Kathleen Devlin Joyce), Counseling and Programming (Christopher Teague), and Recruitment and Operations (Leslie LeBlanc).

"As the market for legal services continues to evolve, the competitiveness for traditional jobs combined with the complexity of navigating potential new career paths requires us to think and act differently," said BC Law Dean Vincent Rougeau. "This restructuring directly addresses the challenges we face today, and represents a major investment by the Law School and the University in this vital area. I'm very thankful that Boston College has made such a commitment to the Law School."

"When I was hired six months ago, a primary focus was to work closely with [Associate Dean] Maris Abbene to rethink our operations and devise new ways to improve our students' prospects," said Assistant Dean for Career Services Heather Hayes '95. "Kate, Chris and Leslie will now be charged with developing strategies to address how we can better prepare and guide our talented students while increasing their exposure to existing and new potential employers."

Promotions by Functional Area

Public Interest and Pro Bono

Kathleen Devlin Joyce '02, Director, Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs

Service to others is a central part of the Law School mission and the Jesuit tradition: the dignity of the human person, the advancement of the common good and compassion for the poor. BC Law supports a range of educational, pro bono, and student activities that allow students to use their legal skills to support underserved communities.

In support of the school's mission and in recognition of her contributions to BC Law, Kathleen Devlin Joyce has been promoted to the position of Director, Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs. Devlin Joyce will now work year round to further increase the opportunities the school offers students for exposure to public interest and pro bono opportunities and for careers in the public sector. She has recently launched new initiatives such as the [Public Interest Designation Program](#) and the development of a first-year course she will teach in conjunction with the school's traditional spring break service trips. Devlin Joyce will also continue to manage the pro bono programs within the law school community and advise students and alumni on public interest career paths.

Prior to joining BC Law in 2009, she was the Assistant Director of Public Interest and Pro Bono at Boston University Law School. [Full bio](#)

Counseling and Programming

Christopher Teague, Senior Associate Director

Each student at BC Law has a unique set of gifts, values and circumstances. Through critical career development programming and one-on-one coaching sessions, the Career Services Office strives to ensure that students have ample opportunities for exposure to today's career options, particularly for new lawyers, as well as the individual advising required to support them as they chart their paths. As Senior Associate Director, Christopher Teague will oversee the counseling group and work with them to develop and implement consistent approaches and best practices for serving both students and alumni in group and individual career development programs.

Prior to joining Boston College last spring, Chris was the Associate Director of Career Development at Suffolk University Law School and also a Career Advisor at Northeastern University School of Law. [Full bio](#)

Recruitment and Operations

Leslie LeBlanc, Manager, Recruitment and Operations

In a constantly evolving hiring market, one of the most important functions of an office of career services is recruitment. The key to placement success today hinges on two things: the ability to build and maintain relationships with employers, and the ability to adjust recruitment strategies based upon analysis of placement trends and job program effectiveness. As Manager, Leslie LeBlanc will work to implement new technology and initiatives to improve placements for students. She will also oversee the operations of the office including its technology and budget.

Prior to starting in the BC Law Career Services Office in 2001, LeBlanc worked for Boston College Law School's Alumni and Development Office. [Full bio](#)

New Staff Positions

Senior Career Counselor

Dorothy Commons joins the Office of Career Services as Senior Career Counselor. She will help counsel students and alumni on internships and career options in the public and private sectors, fellowships, judicial clerkships and alternative careers. Commons has more than 15 years of experience counseling law students and law graduates in all areas of career development. [Full bio](#)

Administrative and Recruiting Assistant

Liz Mickle joins the office as the Administrative Assistant. Mickle will support Leslie LeBlanc on recruitment and operations and provide general administrative and communications support. Mickle joins BC Law from the New England Law Career Services Office, where she recently counseled students on their career prospects. [Full bio](#)

Assistant Director, Counseling and Programming

The Career Services Office is currently interviewing for this career advisor position. The successful candidate will provide career guidance for students and alumni, as well as assist with creating and maintaining successful counseling and programming initiatives at BC Law.

"I'm very pleased with the changes and additions that will make our Career Services Office even stronger, and I'd like to thank Maris, Heather and the rest of the office for all their hard work," said Dean Rougeau. "The Law School has always been concerned with educating the whole person, and an important part of that effort is in understanding each individual's unique needs and goals. I am confident that these changes will help us refocus our efforts on assisting our students and graduates in finding their paths to rewarding careers in the years to come."