Meet Aundra Newell, Our New Assistant Dean

UB Law Forum
The fall is her busy season. She must arrange, rearrange and confirm appointments, distribute firm resumes to students, and forward student resumes to firms for pre-screening.

Last year's fall on-campus interview program attracted 58 employers, including all the major Buffalo firms, and firms from Syracuse, Rochester, Binghamton, Philadelphia, Miami, Washington, D.C. and Cleveland.

Off-campus interviews were conducted in New York City and, for the first time, Washington, D.C. “We're finally entering the Washington market,” Ms. Koscielniak says. The New York program drew 36 employers and the Washington program, eight.

The CDO also offers a “resume only” service for employers who can not visit the campus.

A new group of 30 employers from various other geographic locations were able to interview UB law students interested in pursuing public service careers during the Public Interest/Service Symposium held in February in New York City. “We're pleased to be included as part of that program and will definitely be going back. It helps to spread the word about Buffalo,” says Ms. Koscielniak.

To encourage the employment of Black students, the law school also took part in the annual Black Law Student Association Job Fair held at New York University.

In addition to coordinating interviews, the CDO sponsors Career Days which allow students to hear panel discussions on particular types of careers. The One-to-One program, in which students spend half a day observing an attorney at work, “gives the students a touch of reality,” she says.

For alumni, the CDO publishes a monthly bulletin of employment opportunities across the U.S. Those who join the Confidential Job Relocation Program receive mid-month bulletins and first class mailing for a $15 annual fee.

Says Ms. Koscielniak, “We are always happy to help alumni who need our assistance — even if they have been out of law school for many years.”

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AUNDRA NEWELL IS NEW ASSISTANT DEAN

This September, Aundra Newell was appointed assistant dean for admissions and student affairs. She replaces Steven Wickmark, who had been serving in the position in an acting capacity. As chief administrative officer for admissions recruiting, she is in charge of minority admissions and also supervises the Legal Methods Program, a special academic tutorial program for disadvantaged students.

Asked about her plans for her new position, Ms. Newell said, “I hope I will be able to enhance the diversity of the student population. I also look forward to serving as a resource person for many of the student organizations.”

Since 1983, Ms. Newell was on the staff of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. where she directed a preparatory program for minority students seeking to earn graduate degrees in law, medicine and management studies. Simultaneously, she was director of the school's paralegal program and was an adjunct instructor for management studies. She also served on the college's Affirmative Action Committee.

A 1975 graduate of Cheyney State University in Cheyney, Pa., Ms. Newell earned a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. Before deciding to go to law school, she taught gifted children for two years. In 1981, she received her juris doctor degree from Temple University School of Law.