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**EVENT OFFERS COUNSEL ON JOB MARKET
FOR UCONN LAW STUDENTS**

HARTFORD, CT, February 26, 2009: Pullman & Comley hosted a panel discussion on February 19 at UCONN Law School, “Plotting Your Course Through On-Campus Interviewing, Summer Employment and Beyond,” which addressed the challenges facing the current crop of law students as they begin their job searches.

The event, which was attended by first, second and third-year law students, covered such topics as writing an effective resume, navigating the interviewing process and summer associate programs. “We also talked about mistakes each of us made in our own job searches, and what can be learned from them,” said Carrie Field, an attorney with Pullman & Comley.

Aimee Wood opened the discussion by offering advice on putting together a compelling resume that highlights strengths and downplays weaknesses, emphasizing the importance of including extracurricular activities that help you stand out – and that can help you have a more engaging interview. Mick LaVelle then spoke about the importance of strong writing samples that demonstrate effective persuasive legal writing.

Next, Adam J. Cohen talked about the on-campus interviewing process: how to prepare, what to ask and how to ask it – and what not to ask. “A job interview can be as tough as meeting someone who is going to be your roommate,” he said. “Interviewers are deciding if you are someone they want to hire, work with and see every day.” He recommended doing your homework ahead of time, researching the firm to make sure it’s a good personal fit, and if possible, looking at your interviewer’s biography on their firm’s website so that you can tailor your interview.

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Panelists then offered tips and advice from their own experience. Maria Garcia spoke about what to expect as a summer associate. “The quality of work is important, and so is the social aspect,” she said. “A law firm puts time, money and resources into its summer program to determine if you are a good fit for the firm, and vice versa.” She recommended asking questions, but avoiding criticism. “Be sure to treat everyone well.”

Finally, Alex Hernandez covered “What to Do When it All Goes Wrong” – next steps if you don’t get an offer through the campus interviewing process, or if you don’t get an offer after summer employment. “Be prepared,” he said. “Stay current on legal news and follow up with lawyers that work in areas of interest to you. Keep networking through legal and other professional organizations, and follow up with college and law school contacts and career services offices.”

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