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UNPAID LEGAL INTERNS – “SAFE HARBOR”

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With job openings scarce for young people, the number of unpaid internships has climbed in recent years, leading federal and state regulators to worry that more employers are illegally using such internships for free labor.

THE SIX (6) “SAFE HARBOR” FACTORS

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“And justice for all”

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE COURT HOUSE...

Dueling Doc Affidavits, Tie Goes to the Respondent

A recent NY Supreme Court case upholds the adage that the court’s job on summary judgment is to find issues, not resolve them.

The Court in this case (*Alexander v. Milner*, 2010 NY Slip Op 31562) held in a dental malpractice action that the plaintiff properly met its burden to defeat summary judgment by submitting an expert’s affidavit, despite deficiencies.

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NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

- *Unpaid Legal Interns ... “Safe Harbor”*
- *Meanwhile, Back at the Courthouse...* (Relevant cases to take note of)
- *Practice Makes Perfect* (Office management and productivity)

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT...



Outsourcing Reason of the Week:

PleadingsPlus outsource paralegals are normally available 24/7 and easy to contact by cell phone as necessary. In fact, we will remain available for our attorneys after hours and on weekends and holidays. We are well aware that everything cannot be accomplished between 9:00 and 5:00.

Let’s face it. Small firm practice is not just a job, it’s a full time, demanding business. Being overwhelmed is not the exception, it’s the rule. Practitioners wear many hats, precariously, at one time...practitioner (operations), client relations (marketing and sales), practice management (administrative). You get the idea.

There comes a point when the busy attorney transforms into the overwhelmed attorney. Signs of this transformation include unreturned telephone calls (the worst offender), chronic filing neglect, increase the attorney’s requests for adjournments and applications for same. The most troublesome of all is LOSS OF BUSINESS, either from turning new business away, lack of time to development new business and network, or from client dissatisfaction.

In coming editions, *The Pleader* will devote this section to the busy practitioner and assist he or she from avoiding common pitfalls which lead to undesired loss of business.

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