Carolyn Williams has accepted a position with Gammage & Burnham, LLC, in Phoenix, where she was a summer clerk in 2007.

"After spending the past summer getting to know the different departments’ work and the lawyers that I will be working with, I am very excited about this opportunity," said Williams, who lives in Maricopa with her husband, 12-year-old daughter and two big dogs. "Barring anything drastic, I plan on staying there and becoming a partner while practicing land-use planning, zoning and health-care law."

While in law school, Williams was editor-in-chief of the Arizona State Law Journal, chaired the Executive Moot Court Board, and was the fundraising chair and third-year representative for the Women Law Students’ Association. She will miss being a law student, especially her work on the Journal.

"I’ve loved everything about Journal: the cite-checking, the writing, and having a voice in what we publish," Williams said.

**EMPLOYER-SANCTIONS LAW TO BE DEBATED**

A controversial Arizona state law that punishes employers for knowingly hiring undocumented workers will be debated this week at the College of Law.

"Employer Sanctions and the Legal Arizona Workers Act," a panel discussion presented by the ASU chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, will be held from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The event is free and open to the public, will be in the Great Hall in Armstrong Hall.

Panelists are Paul Eckstein, a partner at Perkins Coie Brown & Bain in Phoenix, Tim La Sota, special assistant deputy county attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, Mary O’Grady, Arizona State Solicitor General, and Julie Pace, a partner at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll in Phoenix. The discussion will be moderated by law professor Betsy Grey.

Adopted last year by the Arizona Legislature and enacted Jan. 1, the statute has been called the most severe employer-sanctions law in the nation. Opponents, among them hoteliers, restaurateurs and other business owners, contend the act is unconstitutional in its attempts to regulate immigration.

Eckstein, who represents Wake Up Arizona!, a pro-business group and plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the new statute, said the law is pre-empted by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and violates the due-process clause of the 14th Amendment.

La Sota said federal law prevents states from imposing civil or criminal penalties other than those in the realm of licensing laws. "We’re confident the law is constitutional," he said. "There’s a clear provision in federal law that permits states to enact these types of laws."

Arizona’s 15 county prosecutors recently agreed not to take complaints filed under the employer-sanctions law to court until March 1. That will give U.S. District Court Judge Neil Wake time to rule on a challenge by business and immigrant-rights groups that hope he will overturn the law. A decision from Wake is expected by early February.

At Tuesday’s presentation, the panelists will discuss the law’s constitutionality, its effect on the state’s business and immigrant communities and other issues. Grey said the law and Wake’s decision have huge implications for society.

"It’s a huge issue and will have an enormous impact on our business community and our economy in Arizona," she said. "Other states are watching very closely to see what’s going to happen on this challenge, and I predict, ultimately, this will be settled in the United States Supreme Court."

Read the full story at www.law.asu.edu.

**U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BREYER TO GIVE PEDRICK LECTURE**

Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court will speak on “Our Democratic Constitution” at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 11, in the Great Hall. Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor will introduce Justice Breyer, whose presentation, the annual Willard H. Pedrick Lecture, is free and open to the public. A public reception will follow. For more information, call (480) 965-6405.

Justice Breyer will discuss his views that the Constitution’s primary role is to preserve and encourage what he calls “active liberty,” citizen participation in shaping government and its laws.

Breyer was born in San Francisco in 1938, and is a graduate of Stanford, Oxford, and Harvard Law School. He taught law for many years as a professor at Harvard Law School and at the Kennedy School of Government. He has also worked as a Supreme Court law clerk (for Justice Arthur Goldberg), a Justice Department lawyer (antitrust division), an Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor, and Chief Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In 1980 he was appointed to be the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals by President Carter, becoming Chief Judge in 1990. In 1994 he was appointed a Supreme Court Justice by President Clinton. He has written books and articles about administrative law, economic regulation and the Constitution.

The Willard H. Pedrick Lecture was established in 1997 by the Pedrick family in memory of the founding dean of the College of Law. The annual lecture brings to the law school outstanding legal scholars, jurists or practitioners to enrich the intellectual life of the College and the community.

Read the full article at www.law.asu.edu.

**NEW FACES AROUND CAMPUS**

Corrie Rosen is the College’s new Acting Director of Academic Support, and she also teaches Legal Analysis I and coordinates the Academic Support Program.

Rosen received a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law, where she was an Academic Support Teaching Fellow in Constitutional Law and Contracts. While at UCLA, she also was the Communications Coordinator of the Entertainment Law Review. She wrote about “Constitutional Theory, Jurisprudence, and the Law” and was featured on NPR. She also is interested in Humanism in Legal Education, Learning Style Theory, Linguistics and the Law and Cognitive Psychology and Legal Instruction.

And watch out: she holds a black belt, candidate status, in Moo Yea Do, a Korean Martial Art.

Becky Tanghe, the new office supervisor for faculty support, worked for 20 years in several areas of the insurance industry, including a claims office, nationwide risk-management office, life insurance brokerage firm and a financial planners’ office. Becky, who with her husband of 20 years has a combined family of seven children and 11 grandchildren, is interested in helping out with Girl Scouts and church activities in her spare time. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies, needlework, crafts and camping, and she also has collections of bells and cat knickknacks, including, of course, a bell-shaped cat.

**BAR-EXAM COURSE NO. 3**

The third session of a new course designed to help law students improve their performance on the Arizona Bar Exam will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Great Hall. Corporations, Partnerships & Other Business Organizations will be taught by Professor Myres Lynk. No registration is required for the free, non-credit course.

Note the new time; the course normally are held each Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. due to a conflict in scheduling.
IN MEMORY OF ASHLEY JANE MILLER

A memorial celebration honoring the life of Ashley Jane Miller, a 3L who died in a car accident on Nov. 29 in northern Arizona, will be at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, in the Faculty Center. Miller, 29, is survived by her young daughter, Layla Jane Fogleman, her parents, four brothers, a sister, other relatives, her fiancé, Michael Bashore, and many friends. A fund dedicated to Miller’s memory and for the benefit of Layla Jane has been established at Old National Bank in Evanston, Ill., 1-(800)-731-2265.

Please RSVP for the celebration by calling Zelida Graham at (480) 965-4893 or e-mailing her at Roselda.Graham@asu.edu.

TECHNOLOGY VENTURES CLINIC MOVES

The College of Law’s Technology Ventures Clinic has moved to SkySong, ASU’s mixed-use research/retail/residential center at the intersection of Scottsdale and McDowell roads in Scottsdale.

The clinic previously shared space with AZTE, Arizona Technology Enterprises, ASU’s technology commercialization company, in the Brickyard building on Mill Avenue.

Eric Theisen, clinic associate clinical professor and director of the Clinic, will split his time between the SkySong space and The Tempe campus. He said the move will allow the Clinic to expand.

“The past, we were provided space by AZTE, and most of our projects came through them,” Theisen said. “Now we can have additional clients, including some of the companies that eventually will be or already are at SkySong.”

The Technology Ventures Clinic focuses on a transactional practice of law in which the students work in multi-disciplinary teams with students from the Fulton School of Engineering, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and W.P. Carey School of Business while learning about technology transfer and technology entrepreneurship.

In the new space, the clinic has an office with a conference table, and several cubicles with desks and computers that students can use.

Menchiks said they are anticipating covered parking and more amenities that students will enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In celebration of Black History Month, the Muslim Law Students Association is hosting a program, “The Life and Legacy of El-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz, Malcolm X,” from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Great Hall. The speakers are Amin A. Nathari of Islam in America Movement (IAM), who is one of America’s foremost authors, journalists and commentators on the subject of Islam and Muslims in America, and Siraj Wahhaj, a prolific American speaker and leader of the Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA).

The event is free and open to the public.

Other upcoming events:

- Experience the Inspiration of Forgiveness, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, Great Hall, featuring Linda Biehl, co-founder and director of the Amy Biehl Foundation.
- May Moonsoon, an alumna of the College of Law and associate in the Intellectual Property Group at Quarles & Brady, will speak on Survival of the Humanest: The Evolution of Social Darwinism to Collaborative Success, at noon on Monday, Feb. 4, in Room 114. The talk is sponsored by the Law and Science Student Association.
- Greening the Grid: The Next Revolution in Electricity Regulation, 3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, ASU College of Design, Room 60, with Timothy P. Duane, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

DEEP BREATHING

If you’re still exhausted from last semester, law school, or life in general, come to a Reflection and Inspiration Meeting, sponsored by the John P. Morris Black Law Students Association and open to all students. It will be held from 12:10-1:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Armstrong Hall, Room 118.

SELSA FUNDRAISER

Orders for garment bags embroidered with Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law logo will be taken the rest of the week in the Rotunda during the lunch period. The bags are $25 each, and cash and checks are accepted. The sale is sponsored by the Sports & Entertainment Law Students Association. For more information, contact Scott Seymann@asu.edu.

CAREER SERVICES NEWS

Students interested in subletting their homes to other law students who will be in Phoenix for summer jobs can check out the Housing Binder in the Career Services office. You also can post your homes for free at the National Association for Law Placement Apartment Exchange website, www.nalpexchange.org.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

The College of Law has exchange programs with the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella School of Law (Bueno Aires, Argentina), the University of Victoria School of Law (British Columbia, Canada), the University of Singapore and Universite Rene Descartes, Paris V University.

In addition to the cultural and educational benefits, there is a financial plus: law students pay the tuition and fees of ASU, not of the exchange institution. The College of Law recognizes up to 15 study-abroad credits towards the J.D. degree. Students must be in good academic standing and in their third year or second semester of their second year of law school to participate.

To begin the application process, you must submit a letter of interest, a law school transcript and a recommendation letter from a faculty member by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, to Assistant Dean Leslie Mamaghani in Room 101. Decisions will be made by mid-February.

For more information, go to www.lps.asu.edu/lae.

IN THE NEWS

The Indian Legal Program recently was featured in a four-page article in the Arizona Capitol Times titled, “Laws across nations – ASU’s Indian Legal Program trains lawyers to practice on and off the reservation.” The article, by reporter Debra Utacia Krol, outlines how Indian law crosses issues like land, water, environment, gaming and others.

“Attorneys whose practice takes them into dealings with both tribal govemments and individual Indians must have a firm grasp on not just federal, state and local laws, but on tribal ordinances,” Krol wrote. “But where can attorneys and law students acquire the expertise necessary to navigate the maze of tribal, state and federal laws? They turn to schools like Arizona State University’s Indian Legal Program, headquartered at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law.”

The article highlights the facility, including Executive Director Rebecca Tossie, and Professors Robert Clinton and Paul Bender, and quotes Director Kate Rosier, Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, director of the Indian Legal Clinic, and students Nikki Borchardt, Raymond Campbell, Mary Modrich-Alvarado and Jerome Clark.

Four law students were recently pictured in Maricopa Lawyer as winners of the 2007 Comerica Bank Pro Bono Golf Classic, held Nov. 3. The winning team included Michael Fletcher, Andrew Argyries, Danelle Pereta and Michael Krahembull. Proceeds went to the Maricopa County Bar Foundation and the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Robert Milligan, a member of the inaugural class of the College of Law’s L.L.M. in Biotechnology and Genomics, and a shareholder at Gallagher & Kennedy, where he heads the firm’s healthcare and life sciences practice, wrote an opinion piece for Arizona and Me, Back to School at ASU, in the October issue of Arizona Attorney.

The article explores how different his experience studying for the L.L.M. was than when he was at ASU earning his J.D. He said his earlier motivation was pragmatic, but for the L.L.M., it was simply to learn. He found a more diverse student body, more solicitous professors, and a more current, or futuristic curriculum.

“Not only was the science interesting, the policy implications were earth-shaking,” Milligan wrote. “Is there a ‘crime gene’, and, if so, how should society handle those who have the gene and commit crimes? Does your genetic makeup affect or determine behavior, and, if so, what becomes of the concept of free will? How and when will genomics and related research revolutionize medicine? ... It definitely was one of the most interesting and rewarding achievements of my professional life.”

EXTERNSHIP ORIENTATION

Extership orientation meetings for the summer and fall of 2008 will be held from 12:15-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, and Thursday, Jan. 31, in Room 105. Plan on attending one of the meetings if you anticipate doing an externship.

PRO BONO PLUNGE

The Pro Bono PLUNGE is being held this week, with events ranging from shelter visits, to trainings, to youth outreach. Members of the Pro Bono Board and the various pro bono organizations will staff tables and a bake sale in the Rotunda, where there will be sign-up sheets for the week’s activities.

Who should participate? A survey by the Carnegie Foundation discovered that one of the major skills missing in new associates is how to talk to clients. Through the hands-on opportunities of pro-bono activities, you can learn these basic skills and maximize your talents. Dive in, get your feet wet, splash around – everything except stand on the shore and watch.