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### **Day Pitney Launches Summer Apprentices Program**

*Curriculum will focus on practical skills and on-the-job training*

HARTFORD, CONN. – Aug. 5, 2009 – Day Pitney announced today that beginning in May 2010 the firm will alter its traditional summer associate program to focus on apprenticeships.

The summer apprenticeship program will be an eight-week course designed to prepare law students for the practice of law through practical, day-to-day applications and on-the-job training. Apprentices will learn by shadowing Day Pitney lawyers and working with firm professionals in one-on-one coaching scenarios. They will also collaborate with lawyer teams handling ongoing client matters. The practice-based learning approach will be supplemented with focused training workshops and diversity and community service activities designed to teach law students about the firm's culture and key core values.

"We have decided to move beyond the traditional assignment-based summer associate program towards something that better suits the needs of law students in preparing them to become good practicing attorneys," said Peter Wilson, Jr., the firm's Director of Diversity and Legal Recruiting. "The newly designed program expands beyond reading, research, and writing assignments. We want a program that revolves around the key values that we stress for our attorneys – education, career development and the importance of working as a team."

The program will initially be rolled out in two offices: Hartford, Conn. and Florham Park, N.J. It will consist of two rotating four-week training courses in either distinct departments or combinations of complementary practice areas. As part of the curriculum the apprentices will have the opportunity to work closely with a team made up of partners, associates, and counsel specially chosen based upon experience, seniority, and effective mentoring skills.

The program will focus on four key areas:

**Practice area training:** Apprentices will get hands-on experience and exposure to substantive matters by working side-by-side with attorneys on active cases or transactions within assigned practice areas.

**Core value training:** Apprentices will be exposed to the firm's core values by participating in specially designed diversity and community service events and by working on pro bono projects.

**Client development training:** Apprentices will attend training designed to educate on client development and networking skills.

**Law firm management and economics:** Apprentices will receive an understanding of law firm economics and management, and learn how associates fit into the framework of developing a successful legal enterprise.

For more information about the program and how to apply please visit the careers page at

[http://www.daypitney.com/careers/summer/.](http://www.daypitney.com/careers/summer/)

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