

York County Court Internship

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My Experience

During the seven weeks as an intern, I have experienced and learned many new things. This journey has allowed me to get an outlook on the legal field and really get a feel for being an attorney. I spent a lot of time in the courtrooms as well as “behind the scenes” with both defense attorneys and solicitors. This internship allowed me to make sure I wanted to pursue a career in the legal field.



Public Defender

(n.) - a lawyer employed at public expense in a criminal trial to represent a defendant who is unable to afford legal assistance.

During this internship, I found an interest in becoming a public defender. I enjoy helping people who can't help themselves, whether it's financially or just not having the right guidance. We worked very closely with the PD's office and it became like a second home. We worked with Melissa Inzerillo, who is a senior Public Defender, as well as other attorneys who made sure we got a good feel for their profession.



Most Memorable Day

July 14th, 2017 (Day 3)

Spent the day with Pete Nossal

Private law attorney who specialized in Business, Estate Planning, Wills, & Trusts

Took us to court with him in Richland County

to negotiate a traffic ticket

Visited the South Carolina School of Law

Introduced to Greek food

Richland County Solicitor's Office & Courthouse



Most Memorable Day (cont.)

being in Columbia and touring the School of Law really persuaded me to be an Alumni of USC



People I Met Along the Way

Judges

- Chisa Puttman
- Michael Scurlock
- Clayburn Barnette
- Clifford Berinsky
- Carolyn Rogers
- Dan Hall

We even had lunch with Senator Climer

Attorneys

- Solicitors: Jenny Desch, Kevin Brackett, Matt Shelton and many more!
- Defense: Melissa Inzerillo, Pete Nossal, Chris Wellborn, Twana Burris, Montrie Belton, Creighton Hayes and many many more!

**Both the York & Rock Hill Police
Department**

Special Recognition

I want to thank Judge Wood for putting together this internship and giving me the chance to explore a career of interest. She has introduced me to many new people and many new foods as well. Throughout the internship she has gone out of her way to make sure we always had something new to learn whether our plans fell through or not. She even got us customized polos and journals to document our daily thoughts throughout the internship. I appreciate everything she has done and I will cherish this experience for a lifetime. Anyone who has an interest in the legal field, I highly recommend this internship. It is both educational & fun!

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