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Internship Company: Emerson Electric

Where You're From: Republic, MO

Q: First off, why do you want to become a lawyer?

A: At the risk of sounding cliché, I want to be a lawyer because I want to help people solve problems. I've always felt that my strengths were both problem solving and creativity; what is a lawyer if not someone who specializes in creative solutions?

Q: Who has been a major influence or inspiration to you?

A: My parents. My mother because she found a career that fit her passion, she is the epitome of "if you find something you love, you'll never work a day in your life." My father because he is constantly striving to be better than he was the day before and is the king of networking. He taught me everything I know about interviewing, arguing, and getting in front of the right people.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish in your career?

A: Is everything a good answer? I want to be happy, live comfortably, be able to dedicate a fair amount of time to pro bono work, go to trial, appellate work, eventually serve as a General Counsel, be a role model for young black girls thinking about a career in law. If you can dream it, I want to do it.

Q: What do you hope to gain from your 2022 Summer Internship?

A: Experience. I really miss learning the inner-workings of a business and making decisions based upon that, like I did in undergrad, so getting to work alongside Emerson's legal team is a dream come true. Also, exposure. Law school is great, but I feel like I haven't gotten to be as hands on as I would usually like to be so I don't know the ins and outs of the things my classes gave me a broad knowledge of.

Q: Just for fun, what's one song that you have completely memorized?

A: Just one?! I'll go with All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version).

Q: Anything else you'd like us to know about yourself?

A: I know I currently attend Mizzou, but my loyalty 100% lies with the bears. If anyone wants to talk Bears Basketball (or really anything Missouri State), I'm your gal!

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