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School: Washington University School of Law in St. Louis

Internship Company: Ameren

Where You're From: Miami, Florida

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

A: One of the reasons I want to become a lawyer is because after taking a Latin American history course at my undergraduate institution, I learned about deceitful and harmful practices by multinational corporations. However, seeing how lawyers can hold these companies accountable furthered my interest in becoming a corporate attorney, as I want to ensure that corporations lead ethically.

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

A: My mother has been a major influence on me because of her work ethic and relentless spirit.

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

A: I hope that I will be able to work in multiple legal fields to see how different areas of the law interact.

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

A: I hope to learn more about corporate law and what the day-to-day life of a corporate attorney looks like. I also hope to gain invaluable teamwork skills and develop my writing skills further.

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

A: Careless Whisper by WHAM.

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

A: I am a first-generation college student and the first in my family to attend law school.

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