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Where You're From: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

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

Lawyers tend to be busy and have massive workloads. I enjoy work that allows me to stay occupied and resolve issues in the most unique and strategic ways. People listen to lawyers—and lawyers must listen to clients, judges, and advisors in order to make the best decisions. Throughout my life, I have learned many people are unaddressed because they are not heard. As an attorney, I want to be able to use my voice and know that I will be heard.

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

My grandmother is a major influence and inspiration. She taught me that strength is not displayed. Strength is demonstrated through diligence, respect, hard work, and resilience.

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

I want to be able to specialize in my work and develop skills which constituents can rely on and benefit from. I am striving to enhance my skills as a student and tailor them to prepare me to advance in my legal career. At the moment, I am particularly interested in making headway in environmental efforts, specializing in immigration law, and mastering the intricacies of property law.

Q: What do you hope to gain from your 2023 Summer Internship?

I hope to gain a practical understanding of the law by applying what I learned in my classes in my first year of law school. I also hope to develop my skills as an attorney and discover my style as a legal professional.

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

A Girl Worth Fighting For (from Mulan)

Q: Is there anything else you'd like us to know about yourself?

I like to spend my time hiking, reading, and traveling. All of these allow me to learn more about the different places, people, and ideas of the world!