

ACC Saint Louis Summer Intern Development Activities

Our summer interns, Faith Whatley-Blaine (St. Louis University - SLU) at Bayer, Mohamad Rajeh (SLU) at Charter Communications, Alice Chicani (SLU) at Emerson, Myla Croft (Southern Illinois University - SIU) at Rabo Diversified Services, Madison Neath-Gordon (Washington University - St. Louis - Wash U) at Bunzl North America, and Adesola Orogade at (Wash U), have been participating in various orientation activities in addition to their full-time summer work.

On June 5th, ACC hosted an orientation event for them at Tech Artista, where the interns got to know each other and were introduced to working in a corporate environment and in-house legal department. They were presented with best practices for managing work expectations, communication, networking, and other matters in an interactive, informal session. This was followed by a dinner at Edera Italian Eatery.

The interns were provided with an interactive discussion on June 24th about corporate litigation by Judge Booker Shaw, Partner at Thompson Coburn, and Katherine Murchison, Associate at Thompson Coburn, which included insight into some of their past cases.

On July 16, ACC invited Layla Husen and Adrian Mehdirad, both Associates at Thompson Coburn, to a breakfast discussion that centered on helping students think about matching their interests, psychological wants and needs, skill sets, etc. as part of the career planning process. Both students and attorney presenters gave great feedback around the session, which students said they found very insightful and informative. The attorneys shared that they thought this was a great discussion with lots of good questions from the group.

The interns were treated to a lunch presentation at Saint Louis Club, where Michelle Martin Bonner of AMMEMPOWERMENT provided tips on etiquette, from navigating a complicated place setting at a restaurant to best practices for networking. Students were able to ask Michelle various questions about best practices around networking, interviewing, and general etiquette issues.

"The etiquette and networking lunch and presentation was very insightful," said Myla Croft. "It was a great way to ensure that law students are prepared for future networking events and formal banquets with law firms".

In addition the above, the interns were invited to attend various ACC St. Louis events, including the Thirsty Thursday gatherings.

"I've found the opportunities as an ACC intern to be invaluable to helping me develop and grow. The events and presentations have taught me skills to become a more well-rounded attorney in the future," said Faith. "In particular, we were able to learn proper etiquette in terms of dining, networking, and interviews".