



Name: Nandi Person

School: St. Louis University School of Law

Internship Company: Washington University General Counsel

Where You're From: St. Louis, MO

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

A: I'm often asked this question "Why do I want to become a lawyer?" and to be honest it is something that chose me. I have always had a passion for helping others, especially those of underrepresented communities and minorities. I found out very early on that whatever it was that I decided to do, it would be something that would help uplift and bridge gaps within our system. I've always had law school in the back of my mind however, with being a part of an underrepresented community myself, I did not have nor know of the resources needed to get me there, and I ventured off on a different path and left law school behind. As I grew in my educational career and profession, I knew there was still something more I could do for others and different businesses, and I wanted to do it on an impactful legal level.

From the moment I decided that the legal field was where I needed to be, almost instantly resources were placed in my path. I started to meet amazing individuals in the legal field, and I was no longer left feeling as though becoming a lawyer was out of reach for me. Law school and becoming a lawyer was something that I merely thought about on a surface level, having no intentions of it being more than a thought, until I the path I ventured down became full circle and law this time chose me.

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

A: The people who have been a major influence/inspiration to me are my mother and Michelle Obama. Both of these fearless, trailblazing women have inspired me to go above and beyond my fears and know that it is okay to take up space as a woman in the professional field.

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

A: I hope to accomplish and establish long lasting relationships in my career and to be a voice and resource for individuals and businesses that may not be able to advocate for themselves.

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

A: During my 2022 Summer Internship I hope to gain realistic hands on experience of what it is like working in-house for a corporation. I also hope to gain long lasting relationships with the people who I will be working with and to be able to feel and know that although I am an intern, my skills and experience matters.

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

A: Greatest Love of All– Whitney Houston

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

A: I love animals, good movies, and good food!! I also love speaking Spanish, I'm always looking for someone to speak with!

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