

Committee Spotlight: Law School Relations

ACC STL's Law School Relations Committee cultivates relationships with local law schools and programming to introduce law students to in-house work, including the Externship Program with SLU and promoting in-house careers with Washington University. "This committee supports pivotal programs with local law schools to promote the in-house practice and ACC STL to lawyers-in-training," said Pam Howlett, Committee Chair, and VP & Associate General Counsel at Bayer.

SLU Externship Program

The Corporate Field Placement Program at SLU Law provides law students with unpaid externship opportunities in corporate legal departments in the St. Louis area. Students receive one credit hour for each 50 hours of work in the Field Placement. These experiential learning credits are a critical part of, and ABA requirement for, a student's legal education. All students must have completed at least one-half of their law school education before undertaking a Field Placement.

Students work under the supervision of a licensed in-house Site Supervisor, who serves as the student's mentor during the semester. The goal of the program is to provide students with real world substantial lawyering experiences, while helping them develop their professional identity. Typically, students will engage in legal research, contract reviews and drafting, multi-state legal surveys and other transactional matters and be provided the opportunity to observe meetings and legal proceedings.

Students are concurrently enrolled in Lawyering Practice, a class focused on topics, such as, effectively using feedback, managing time and schedules, understanding a transactional legal practice and some of the business aspects of a legal practice.

If you would like to learn more about the Field Placement Program, or are interested in participating in the Fall 2022 semester, please contact A.J. Chivetta at aj.chivetta@slu.edu.

Washington University Career Conversations

The ACC Law School Relations Committee is partnering with the Washington University School of Law Career Center to host two Career Conversations during the 2021-2022 academic year. Career Conversations are 30 to 45-minute, small group conversations led by a student host who interviews participating attorneys regarding their career path, their practice areas, and their advice for law students. The floor is then opened up to questions from students in attendance.

The first Career Conversation will occur on Wednesday, November 3rd. Michael Christman, Senior Litigation Counsel at Macy's, and Art Lambert, Partner at Fisher Phillips, will discuss their litigation and employment law practices with students, as well as the dynamics of the partnership between in-house and outside counsel.

The ACC Law School Relations Committee will also be participating in the WashULaw Diversity Expo on November 11th and 12th. The Expo is a networking event that provides diverse 1Ls the opportunity to

learn more about in house practice and the ACC's 1L Diversity Internship Program in advance of the application opening date.

If this ACC area of focus is interesting to you, the committee is welcoming additional members or input on programming. Please get in touch with Pam Howlett at pamela.howlett@bayer.com to discuss further.