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Internship Company: Bayer

Where You're From: St. Louis

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

A: I want to be a patent attorney to ensure that our communities will continue to benefit from new discoveries. My study of biology in undergrad was filled with innovative techniques and inventions that improved our understanding of biological processes and systems. I have always wondered how these inventions were protected. I knew that the ability to innovate would be hindered without protection against unauthorized uses.

My passion in biology and my interest in law merged in an internship where I assisted researchers in clarifying the advantages of their inventions and advocating for the commercialization of those innovations. Through that internship, I realized that I wanted to assist more innovators in securing and protecting their inventions so that our community can benefit from new discoveries. That internship solidified my goal of becoming a patent attorney.

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

A: Not seeing people who share a similar background with me in the legal profession has made me doubt whether I belong in this community. However, interacting with Asian American attorneys in the past year was enormously motivating for me during my 1L year. Their presence in the legal community cast away my doubts, and their stories reassured my conviction in becoming an attorney. Moreover, their experience and success helped me better tailor my approach to achieving my goals. They also provided me with a realistic perspective of what legal practice could look like when you are the only diverse attorney. Overall, I look forward to participating in the community of Asian American attorneys in St. Louis.

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

A: I aim to assist inventors in protecting their inventions and inspire other Asian Americans to participate in the legal community. The work that I did as a research assistant was built on top of technologies that made drug discovery more efficient. Realization of new techniques and formulations will accelerate discoveries that will continue this cycle of realization and acceleration. I aspire to contribute to this discovery of inventions because I want to ensure that our community will continue to benefit from new innovations.

Additionally, I aim to increase the representation of Asian Americans in the legal community. Seeing yourself in those who inspired you can be incredibly motivating. Moreover, the ability to socialize with people with a similar background is reassuring. The Asian American representation in the legal profession is growing, and I intend to provide any assistance I can to continue this expansion.

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

A: My 1L year provided me with a broad knowledge of the law and research skills to problem solve a hypothetical. I hope to apply the knowledge and skills that I have acquired in a realistic setting this summer. I want to get a better understanding of the abilities required to be an adept patent attorney. I also want to know how an in-house counsel approaches legal advisory when they must also consider the business practice in addition to the legal issues at hand. Overall, I am excited to demonstrate my capabilities and assess how I can improve for the upcoming year.

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

A: *Man in the Mirror* by Michael Jackson. I rehearsed this song for my 8th grade choir solo. I got the part, but sadly, our director decided not to perform the song.

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

A: I enjoy cooking and baking. I recently learned how to make banitsa, a tradition Bulgarian pastry, and peanut noodles, a delicious Chinese staple. I also like building computers. I have built many gaming PCs for my friends. I enjoy researching PC parts and customizing the PC to fit my friends' needs. I also have three cats.

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