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Internship Company: Bunzl
Where You're From: St. Louis, MO

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

I knew I wanted to be a lawyer at a very young age. I grew up in a community with many issues such as high poverty rates and lack of educational resources. This encouraged me to pick a career that I felt was secure and one that allowed me to give back to my community. As I got older and saw a lot of discrepancies in the legal field it encouraged me even more. These are a few reasons why I want to become a lawyer and the more I learn about the law, the more intrigued I am in practicing it.

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

My mentors, coaches, and academic advisors have been a major influence on me throughout my academic journey. Being a first-generation college graduate, I didn't have many people to help with school things and my mentors always made sure to help me by connecting me to the right people and giving me proper advice for getting where I am today.

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

I want to be a lawyer who works to help suffering communities that lack resources. Giving back to my community means a lot to me and this is something that I hope to accomplish in my legal career. This includes mentoring the youth and advocating for people who may not be able to afford it. Besides being a mentor to the youth and giving back to those who can't afford it with pro-bono legal work, something else that I hope to accomplish someday is the opportunity to gain legal experience in different areas of the law.

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

I hope to get hands-on experience with legal work and get a better idea of my legal interest. Working with an in-house counsel will be a different experience than what I expected and I am excited to see the process and day-to-day work.

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

Wizkid- Essence

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

N/A