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Do you intend to practice law in McLean County?

Yes

Explain your ties to McLean County and/or why you hope to practice law in McLean County

This past summer, I had the opportunity to serve as a law intern at State Farm in Bloomington, IL. This experience was by far one of the most rewarding experiences ever. I have held a big law internship; however, I did not feel very welcomed in the environment. It wasn't until I began working in Bloomington where I was surrounded by individuals who accepted me for me. At State Farm, I was more than just a law intern and the attorneys made an active effort to learn as much about me as possible. This summer, I wrote an open letter regarding social justice issues on behalf of the Black Law Students Association, and it sparked great conversation in the State Farm community. This was the first time that I, as a black woman, was able to express myself in a corporate environment without the fear of being judged or highly criticized. I am excited to practice law in McLean County because I will be part of a community who values people no matter where they stand in society. Never was I ever judged in any way as an intern. I look forward to joining a community who will build me up rather than tear me down. I am also excited about working in McLean County upon graduation because State Farm attorney's value pro bono work. I have always had a passion for helping people. I wanted to find a way to mix my passion for corporate law and pro bono work and State Farm does just that.

Community Service/Extra-Curricular Activities

2020-2021

Black Law Students Association (BLSA) - President

Business, Entrepreneurship & Tax Law Review - Note and Comment Editor

Board of Advocates - Judging Director

Cultural and Climate Committee - Representative (Discuss issues within the law school community with Administration in the Law School)

Graduate Professional Council - Representative

(Representative for the law school student body where I discuss issues with the

administration on the University of Missouri's campus. I also collaborate with other graduate programs to host events and resolutions)

Community Stakeholder - Representative (attended meetings with the Columbia Police Department and local political representatives to discuss and create plans that would strengthen relationships between the community and the police department)

Prosecution Clinic - Member

Know Your Rights - Volunteered to collaborate with the Black Studies department at Mizzou to host an event informing individuals of their rights when stopped by the police.

2019-2020

Innocence Clinic - provided legal services to those incarcerated facing the death penalty.

Gentry Middle School AVID College Prep Scholars Program - Mentor to 7th and 8th grade students, helping them through their academic journey.

Lincoln University Pre-Law Pipeline - Discuss law school advice and tips with pre-law students at a historically black college in Missouri.

Missouri Black Pre-Law Conference - collaborated with the Missouri Black Pre-Law Students Association to host a first annual black pre-law conference in Missouri. I also served as a panelist discussing my experience as a law school student.

Midwest Black Law Students Association - Served as the Director of Membership where I collaborated with schools in the Midwest to increase membership in Midwest BLSA.

2018-2020

Food bank - participated in preparing food packages in Columbia.

Tiger Pantry - Collaborated with a student run organization named Tiger Pantry where I participated throughout the semester in a food drive with BLSA.

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