

THE INTERNSHIP JOURNAL

Summer 2025 Newsletter



An Overview of our Summer Internship Program

For six weeks this summer, fifty-eight rising sophomores from Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx participated in Legal Outreach's Summer Internship Program. The purpose of the program is to introduce our young and ambitious students to work environments where they have the opportunity to engage with professionals in simulated professional experiences. This summer, for six weeks, students rotated among thirty-six of New York City's leading legal, financial, and real estate institutions representing the private, governmental, and public interest sectors.

Students were immersed in the fields of law, finance, and real estate, where they learned the art of negotiation, mediation, drafting mini-briefs, presenting oral arguments, and more. The students reflected on their experiences, highlighting valuable educational opportunities, real-life trainings, and discussions with influential professionals who had a profound impact on their lives. This newsletter presents just a small cross-section of their thoughts and impressions from this once-in-a-lifetime experience, as well as samples of the types of work in which the students engaged.



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We would like to thank the following firms and organizations for participating in this year's programming. The success of our program is due to the continuous support from our internship providers.

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INTERNS' REFLECTIONS

“Looking back over the whole summer, I’m grateful for everything I got to experience. The trips, the work, and the people have helped me grow, learn, and prepare for a career in the legal field. The internships have helped shape my view of my future, and I am now more certain of my skills. But, in the end, I walked away with not only skills, but connections and fresh perspectives. Overall, I am thankful for my internship experience and grateful I got to learn everything I know now.”

- **Maia Steward**



“These internships really helped me grasp the corporate world and how many different types of professions there are at these firms and organizations.” - **Sadek Nabil**



"I realized that law isn't just about rules. It's about people. It's about empathy, communication, and using your voice in the right way. One of the biggest things that impacted me was speaking with professionals and hearing their stories. Just knowing how long they've been doing this work and how much they care, inspired me to work harder and keep going." - **Dayanna Loja**

What did you enjoy the most about your internship experience?

“I enjoyed sharpening my writing skills and constructing oral arguments. I enjoyed this because it is going to benefit me in school and also my participation in LO.” - **Victoria Keller**



“Overall, this internship has been essential to my growth. It not only expanded my knowledge but also inspired me to think critically about my future and the impact I want to make. I’m grateful for the experiences, the people I met, and the insights I gained.”

- **Jonathan Sanchez**

“This summer gave me a whole new perspective on what being a lawyer can mean, and I left each day feeling even more excited about possibly pursuing this career path in the

future.” - **Emely Solis**



“The Summer Internship Program taught me the importance of knowing what you want to do and how you want to do it. With all careers, there is always a new opportunity at stake; you just have to take the opportunity at hand.” - **Derek Hurtado**

As a result of the summer, students reported interest in pursuing the following careers:

- Corporate Law
- Civil Law
- IP Law
- Real Estate
- Business/finance



What assignments did you find the most engaging?

“The mediation and negotiation were most engaging. It was interesting to find the meeting point of the agreement.” - **Kelden Kek**



“I felt like all of the sessions were structured for us to take away skills that can be used for the rest of our lives. With all of this knowledge, I feel I have grown into handling more nuanced and complex problems, using creative and “outside of the box” solutions.”- **Julia Wasik**

Interested in other ways to become involved? Apply to be a mentor!

Legal Outreach's Mentoring Program is integral to helping our students achieve academic success, and mentoring is a low cost/high reward volunteer activity. Beginning their sophomore year, students receive attorney mentors who serve as role models and advisors as they navigate their way through high school and our College Bound program, particularly our Constitutional Debate Program. Mentors must have a J.D., but they do not have to be practicing attorneys. Mentors can also receive 3 general CLE credits per reporting cycle for judging debate competitions. For more information, please email Jhoana Flores at jflores@legaloutreach.org or visit [our website](#) to apply!



A NOTE FROM LEGAL OUTREACH

Thank you for participating in this year's summer internship program! By opening your doors and sharing your time and expertise, you played a vital role in exposing our students to the people, environments, and opportunities that help shape their future.

This program is integral to Legal Outreach's mission of instilling vision in young people while they are still at a formative stage. The experiences you provided not only inspired them but also gave them tangible goals to strive toward as they continue their educational and professional journeys.

We are grateful for your partnership in this important work and look forward to continuing to collaborate in transforming students' lives.

*With appreciation,
Tamika Edwards
Executive Director*