



College of Law
Office of Career Services &
Professional Development

Legal Liftoff - Spring 2024

Greetings from the College of Law, Office of Career Services!

During spring break, many students took advantage of the Office of Career Services & Professional Development's Legal Liftoff program, working with firms, judges, and organizations to better understand the practice of law, network, and learn how to engage with attorneys professionally.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive! Here are a few quotes and pictures of what students gained.

"This program was better than I could have imagined. I thought it would be beneficial exposure, a chance to observe, and hopefully an ongoing network connection – that was such an underestimate. I really wish that I had taken advantage of this over the last two years. Everyone should be doing it."

~Carly Mansker, 3L, partnered with Keller Law, LLC

STUDENTS: KAYLA JONES & CHANCE HARPER
EMPLOYER: WELD COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Chance: The program was an amazing opportunity as it allowed me to experience the day-to-day life at a DA's office and learn the specific tasks I would be assigned starting the summer before my 3L year all the way to one year into the job with the DA's office. I also appreciated the time spent with various members of the DA's office as I was able to build connections and know how they decided to go down this career path.

Kayla: I loved participating in this program. I feel that I gained knowledge that will benefit me in and out of law school. I was able to create so many connections that are already proving prosperous.

COLLECTIVE COMMENTS

STUDENTS:

I've really enjoyed this program a lot! It gave me so much insight into what I may want to do someday and how the office works on a daily basis. I was able to better understand procedural steps and research. It was a great decision for me and I'm incredibly happy with how it turned out.

Legal Liftoff was a great experience. Lynn Jackson connected me with several attorneys, from new associates to those with 20+ years of experience. I observed motions, client calls, and client meetings. I also had lunch with a number of attorneys who were happy to answer my questions. Additionally, I went to a young lawyers bootcamp, where I met attorneys from outside the firm, and heard a presentation on Employment Law. Lynn Jackson was a positive, welcoming law firm, and were great hosts.

I had a great experience. Especially as a 1L, the amount of exposure (both quantity of law fields and quality of exposure) I got was more than worth the experience.

Good program, the entire office was very friendly and the experience was extremely educational and beneficial. I think the 10 hour recommendation was appropriate, as it kept a good balance between working and Spring Break.

EMPLOYERS:

I love this program, it's a great way for attorneys to get to know law students and a great way for students to get a little practical experience and look at the law in action. I am happy UW offers this program to law students, and I find that the students are very professional, inquisitive, and helpful.

Our student was able to spend two full days in our chambers and was able to see a few court hearings and look over a few court orders. I think it is a great program that allows students and professionals to connect. We have had several participants complete externships in our chambers and have hired at least one former participant as our term law clerk.

I think this is a great way to get 1Ls exposure to what practicing law can actually look like. Our office is filled with people who have had many different careers within the legal profession. It was nice to explain and dive into some of our collective knowledge and answer some of those practical questions that can't be taught in school. We had a very pleasant experience and would welcome another student next year.

We are deeply grateful to the supervising mentors and applaud the students who took advantage of this program! See you next year!

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