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.

**MATTHEW FLAHERTY & HON. KATE FOX, CHIEF JUSTICE, WYOMING SUPREME COURT & ELISA BUTLER**

10/10. I am so glad this was an opportunity I took advantage of. I saw a wide spectrum of office activities, from day-to-day tasks to Robing Ceremonies in other towns. They even put me on a plane to attend the ceremony so that was cool.

Most importantly, I was able to interact with the Supreme Court Justices. They had invaluable things to say, and I can honestly say it probably has impacted my future and where I end up.
I loved this program, and I’m very glad I did it. I was able to do some real legal work and also witness attorneys in action. This experience gave me a better idea of what kind of law I like and what a workday for a lawyer looks like.

I was able to participate in my first “practical law” experience during this program. I was able to write a jury demand, drafted a Quiet Title Complaint, researched case law for a constitutional issue, met with Micah from the Prosecution Office in Rawlins, and was able to see firsthand how a rural law firm serves its local community. These individuals were amazing!
It was amazing. I received tons of practical experience. I learned a ton about practicing Energy Law. Everyone was super nice and very helpful. I would certainly go through the program again. This was an amazing experience that helped me to see what it's like to work for a law firm as a first-year associate.

**COLLECTIVE COMMENTS**

**STUDENTS:**
This was a great experience overall. I was able to sit in on a civil trial and a criminal trial. Watching these trials and having the ability to speak to the attorneys about the execution of the trial was very valuable. I had the opportunity to make many networking connections and meet a multitude of different types of attorneys. The program enabled me to ask questions about trial process, discovery processes, all while receiving valuable advice regarding the legal field and law school.

This is an incredible program. I would not have gotten this type of criminal experience and juvenile experience without this opportunity. I would encourage everyone to use this time to shadow.

It is a good networking and educational event that allows a student to demonstrate a strong work ethic by being productive over spring break. It also allows students a glimpse of legal skills in practice outside of the classroom environment.

I cannot express in words how glad I am that I participated in this program.

**EMPLOYERS:**
Overall we believe this program is a great way for young attorneys to get a better understanding of how rural law is practiced and what to expect in their futures.

I think the program was very well done. The students we had visit were very eager to learn and took full advantage of the opportunities they had while here.

I think the program provides a great opportunity for students to meet practitioners and see the day-to-day happenings in a law firm.

The student was very insightful, provided thoughtful strategies on how to proceed, and asked very good questions about each matter. They truly demonstrated a desire to learn about the work we do and to get to know us. This student was a pleasure to have with us for the week.
I think it was a great idea to get students into offices with no pressure or strict obligations.

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

**Ashli Tomisich**  
Career Services & Professional Development, Director  
Externship Program, Faculty Director  
University of Wyoming, College of Law  
[http://www.uwyo.edu/law/career-services/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/law/career-services/index.html)  
(307) 766-4074 § ashli.tomisich@uwyo.edu