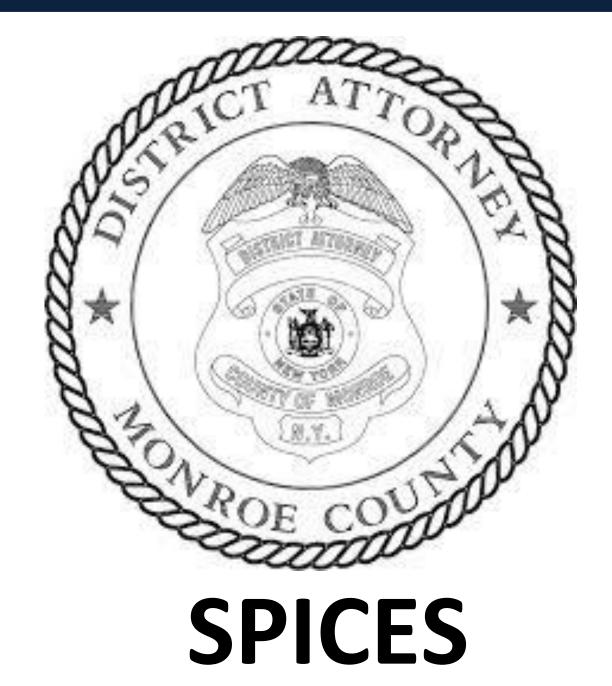


Monroe County District Attorney Internship Patrick Crowley, American Studies and Philosophy, Spring 2021

SUMMARY

My Internship was with the Monroe County District Attorney *in the Data Entry department.* My role consisted of observing court and transferring physical files into an online system using "Damion" as well as filing court evidence. I worked Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm, unpaid. My goals from this internship were to gain a better understanding of the law and the work of lawyers but also to gain general office experience. By observing court I was able to see what a real lawyers job is. There are some moments like the TV shows but it is mostly tedious work. I also got an understanding and grasp of office workings. Everything in an office is connected and even the most seemingly menial job can make a huge difference.



This Internship embodied professional development because it required me to work and be immersed in an office environment. It specifically helped my development because I want to work as a lawyer. Being able to observe court and understand how a law office works was essential to my decision about whether or not to go forward with my desired career path

My experience embodied honorability and equitability because in the Monroe *County District Attorney's Office one* has to be fair and impartial. I was expected to do my job without prejudice. Being around police officers and detectives, as well as handling sensitive material it was necessary to be honorable and respectful.



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The learning outcomes for me were individual decision making and self-reflection. I had to make decisions about the most efficient way to accomplish my task. I was also free to decide when I would go to observe court. This experience helped me with decision making but also self-reflection & awareness. When I first got the internship I thought it was menial work that was not important. However, I found that what I was doing was critical to the legal process. Many criminal cases are connected and evidence is filed before the court dates. It was essential that I filed correctly because if certain evidence got lost the whole case could be compromised.



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IMPACT

This experience had an impact on me in terms of my future. This internship solidified my desire to go to law school and become a lawyer. Seeing lawyers in action made me think this is something I would be good at and enjoy doing. Professionally it gave me great office experience and experience with legal software that I can take into future internships. It being an extremely independent internship gave me a sense of what life is like after school.

ADVICE

The advice I would give for an experience like this is that it is a great way to explore a career. It will be boring at some times but when you are an intern in an office just make yourself available, always ask if someone needs help.