



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

Professional  
Development

## 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.*



## SPICES

*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*

## HERBS

*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.*

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

*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.*



## 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.*