



Kappa Alpha Pi - Mu Chapter

KAP Professional Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the December edition of the KAP professional newsletter! As this semester ends, we would like to share some recent highlights and notable events that we've had to close out the semester.

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KAP's Third Biannual Mock Trial

The trial advocacy committee held their third biannual mock trial on Sunday November 16th. The participants simulated *Pat Dunn v. Chris Davies*, a civil case concerning an alleged assault that happened between hockey players during a game. Sarah, Mia, and Chittesh served as the plaintiff's attorneys. They were supported by Arianna, Ben B, and Jonathan. On the other side were Sophia G, Mo, Anthony, and Darby as the defense attorneys. They were supported by Janari, Manasi, and Ashley as witnesses. The jury's verdict was that the plaintiff was 30% negligent and thus had to pay \$52,000 in damages. The defendant was fully guilty of battery and was instructed to pay \$50,000 in damages.



Remaining Professional Points

There are 2 point opportunities remaining. The Mock interview workshop (1 pt) will be the last event. The Class Recommendation Form will be open until December 10th. You must submit 3 classes to receive 1 pt, with a 1 pt maximum.

Xi Class Initiation

Congratulations to our newly initiated members! 23 new members of the Xi class were initiated last night. We are all so proud of our new members! Additionally, congrats to the Spring 26 New Member Educators: Anthony Salerno, Ella Ko, and Lia Koski.



Professional Internship Spotlights



Anjiya Mehmood
Senior
Kappa Class



Ben Dreves-Hunt
Sophomore
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Meena Joudh
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Natalie Beltran
Junior
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Reese Racelis
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Professional Internship Spotlights



Anjiya Mehmood - Sidley Austin LLP

My internship at Sidley Austin was the most formative experience in my undergrad's professional pursuits. My position was Legal Recruiting Intern and I assisted with the Summer Associate Program at Sidley. While my position was mainly administrative, I found my biggest takeaway within sharing conversations with attorneys about their experiences — a lot of whom are my mentors now!



Ben Dreves-Hunt - Office of Senator Dick Durbin

I applied through the Senators website and was selected for an internship in Senator Durbin's Chicago office. During my time there, I received early briefings and internal updates on major policy issues before they were released to the public. I was paired with senior staff who provided direct mentorship and trusted me with substantive research and project work. The experience gave me a clear, hands-on understanding of how federal policy and constituent services operate.



Meena Joudeh - ROOT Legal

I applied to intern at ROOT Legal because their mission closely aligned with my reason for pursuing law. At ROOT, I was introduced to legal and policy research intended to assist our clients' cases and attended a new project they were working on, Driver's License Assistance Court, which helps Miami-Dade residents get their licenses back without paying tremendous fines and fees, and I worked directly with clients on their legal documents and helped them locate housing, food, and medical assistance at low costs. The experience assured me that public interest is the path for me, and I would highly recommend ROOT to anyone currently applying to internships.



Natalie Beltran - Illinois Soybean Association

During my internship with the Illinois Soybean Association, I conducted independent research on emerging African markets and developed business cases to support U.S. soybean export opportunities. I presented market entry strategies to the Board of Directors and gained hands-on experience in global trade by visiting consulates and networking with international trade officials. Throughout the summer, I also advocated for the 43,000 Illinois soybean farmers the association represents by ensuring their interests were reflected in trade, business, and policy discussions.



Reese Racelis - Mages & Price LLP

I interned for Mages & Price LLC, a small real estate and corporate litigation law firm. My responsibilities included writing motions to file in court, writing Replevin Bond Forms, notifying defendants of their court dates, submitting orders to the court for judge approval, and E-filing through the odyssey system. I could not be more grateful for my first experience in the legal profession to be at this firm. There is a great company atmosphere with attorneys who truly cared about my learning and I am proud to say I developed strong professional relationships with each of them. The experience solidified my passion for the practice of law, and I gained valuable insight into the day-to-day responsibilities of a litigation attorney.