



Kappa Alpha Pi - Mu Chapter

KAP Professional Newsletter

Introduction

This past month, the professional pillar started the semester off strong with popular midwestern law school chats and attorney talks from industry leaders in business law, complex litigation, and family law. In this newsletter, you'll find resources for finding summer internships, LSAT resources, and some on-campus job opportunities. Welcome to the February edition of the KAP professional newsletter!

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Professional Internship Spotlights



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February Professional Recap

- Professional Chat with State Senator Chris Nybo
- Attorney Talk w/ Peter Karanjia, partner at DLA Piper
- UW-Madison Law School Chat
- Attorney Talk w/ Russel Winick, Russel G. Winick & Associates
- Attorney Talk w/ Michael Strauss, Strauss & Hoyt LLC
- Washington University at St. Louis Law School Chat

Summer Internship Resources

- [Professional Development Folder](#)
- [KAP Internship Database](#)
- Professional Committee Internship Lists
 - [Summer Internship Opportunities List](#)
 - [Gies Summer Internships List](#)
- [LAS Get Experience Scholarship](#) - closes May 1st
- [University YMCA Unpaid Internship Scholarship](#) closes April 30th

LSAT Resources

LSAT Study Group Interest Form

- Sign up [here](#) if you are studying for the LSAT this semester and would like to join a study group

Free Kaplan LSAT Materials

- Free Kaplan LSAT study tools are available with IlliniID. Register [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Hire Illini Career and Internship Fair

- February 26th 1-5 PM at the Illini Union
- Visit [Handshake](#) to view the list of employers

Hiring Outlook: Maintaining Your Well-Being During A Job-Search

- March 2nd 5PM, Career Center Room 107
- Visit [Handshake](#) to register

Creating Your Powerful Resume Student Workshop

- March 5th 5-6:30 PM, Siebel Center Room 1000

Internship/Job Opportunities

IConnect Peer Educator

- This is a PAID position during which you assist in delivering the university's IConnect workshops. Applications are open until they fill all positions so apply ASAP if you're interested.
- Start in August 2026 and end in May 2027

Social Justice Leadership Internship

- In this position you work with DSJE to lead and facilitate I-Journey workshops as well as serving as an ambassador for DSJE. Application deadline is March 9th.
- Start in August 2026 and end in May 2027

2026 Orientation Leader

- In this role you have the opportunity to implement orientation programming for first year and transfer students. This includes training sessions in the spring semester but they are paid. You can work in the summer, fall, or both. Application deadline is March 9th.

Cline Center for Advanced Social Research Research Analyst

- In this position you work with policy research on a project to identify events and event attributes relevant to various kinds of police encounters, bias crimes, and other civil unrest.
- Start immediately and end in May 2026, may continue into Summer and Fall



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Internship Spotlights

Our members have interned at a wide variety of law firms in recent summers. Hear from some KAP members about their experiences interning at different law firms in Chicago last summer, and how they discovered these opportunities.



Alyson Lanski - Client Development Intern at Jenner & Block

Last summer, I was a Client Development intern at Jenner & Block in the Chicago office, which is part of the marketing department. I worked primarily on cleaning and organizing firm data and supplementing internal records with research. This position allowed me to gain experience at a Big Law firm that provides legal services to large and diverse corporations in the United States and internationally. Through my role, I created an online database that stores key attorney and firm data that can be accessed when preparing requests for proposals or lateral integration plans. Another key aspect of my position included ensuring that internal information regarding attorney biographies was concise and properly displayed externally. Overall, this experience reinforced my desire to work in Big Law and provided me with an extraordinary learning opportunity surrounded by an incredible team and culture.



Mohammad Mized - Legal Intern at McDermott Law Group

I interned at McDermott Law Group in Chicago, a small criminal defense and personal injury firm, where I supported attorneys through discovery review, trial preparation, and case organization. I drafted Petition to Rescinds and other basic motions, and spent most days reviewing large volumes of discovery and turning them into clear summaries so cases could be prepped more efficiently. I also contributed to a few internal workflow projects, including creating and testing an AI based tool used for discovery review, which gave me exposure to parts of legal practice beyond the arguments themselves. I got the role by cold messaging a partner of the firm on LinkedIn, meeting with them in person for a coffee chat, which then brought the opportunity to apply for a position normally restricted to undergrads. That process showed me that being proactive and willing to learn can open opportunities, even without the traditional background for the role. Overall, this internship gave me a lot of insight into actually practicing law and solidified my passion for litigation.



Tori Geschrey - Legal Assistant at the Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr.

Over the summer, I interned at Law Offices of Terrence Kennedy, Jr., where I assisted with property tax appeals within the Cook County assessment system. I helped prepare appeal materials, organize case files, and track deadlines for submissions to the Assessor's Office and Board of Review. Through this work, I learned how the local property tax appeal process operates and gained firsthand experience with administrative law in practice. While the work was not glamorous, it provided valuable insight into the day-to-day realities of legal practice and the importance of procedural accuracy. I worked closely under attorney Dan Farley, whose previous experience as a house builder gave him a unique, practical perspective on property valuation and real estate issues. Over the summer, I became highly proficient in using Excel, Redfin, and Google Maps to research property data, analyze comparable values, and verify locations. I also learned how to properly format legal information, locate public records, and access databases through the Cook County Assessor's Office. I obtained this internship through networking at my local park district, where a conversation about my pre-law aspirations led to the opportunity. I stumbled upon this internship by accident; not only did I learn so much, but I also loved being downtown, taking my lunch break on the riverwalk, and meeting other practicing attorneys.