



Kappa Alpha Pi - Mu Chapter

KAP Professional Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to the January edition of the KAP professional newsletter! As the new semester begins, we would like to share some of our accomplishments and highlights over the course of this past semester.

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Professional Internship Spotlights



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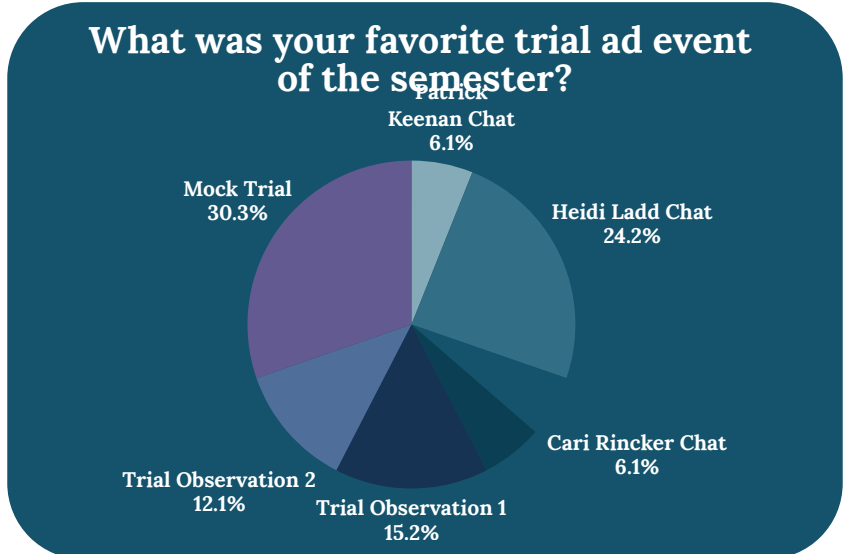
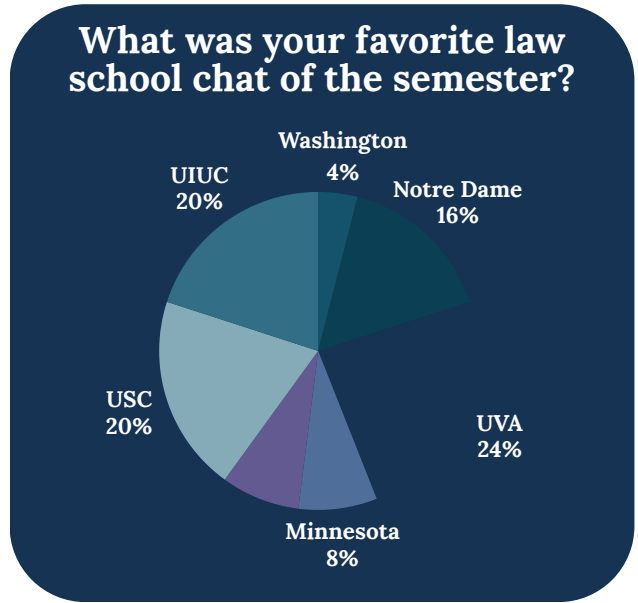
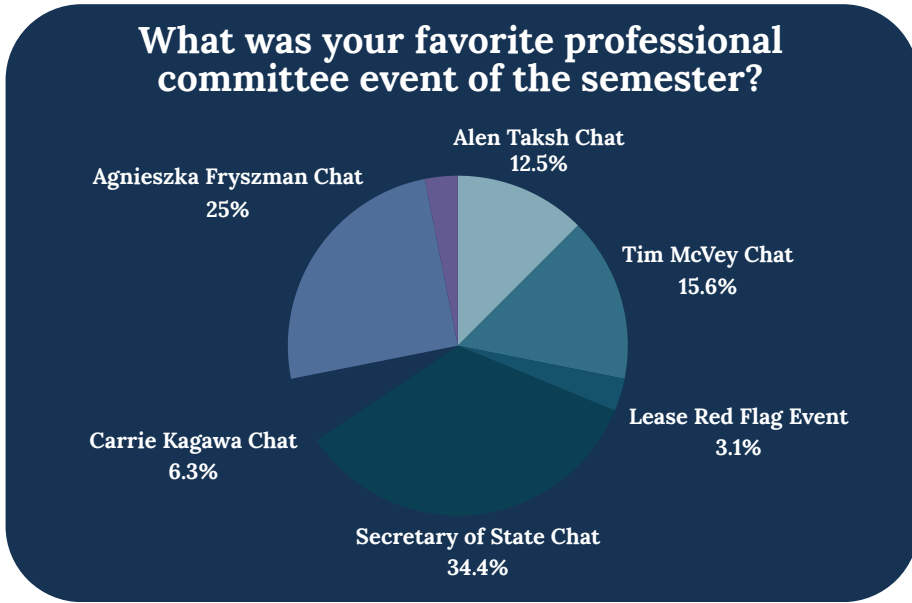
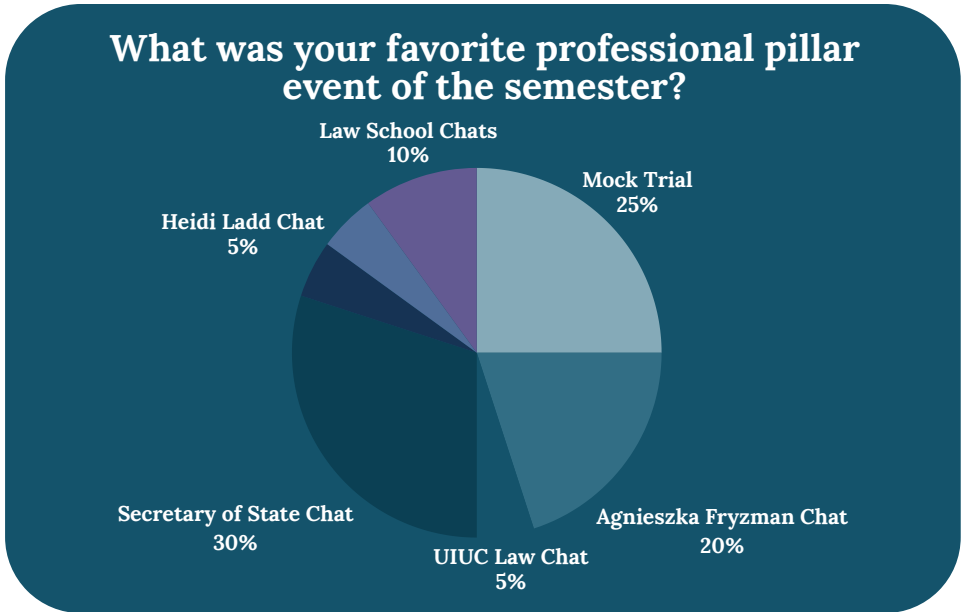


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Fall 2025 Semester in Review





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Professional Internship Spotlights

The KAP Public Defender's Office internship is currently accepting applications for the Summer 2026 internship until February 1st. Hear from KAP members about their experience interning at the Champaign County Public Defender's Office.

Anika Murthy - Fall 2024 & Spring 2025



During my time at the Champaign County Courthouse, I had the privilege of working with attorneys within the Public Defender's Office. The attorneys that I worked with were incredible, and you can tell that they were so passionate about every single client they represented. I worked with attorneys on cases related to drug use, family law, abuse, and in some cases even murder, so please know that this internship has you get hands on with helping attorneys represented in these situations. Because of this, however, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I was grateful for the opportunity to assist with the representation of clients caught up in these cases. My main responsibilities were going into court and analyzing discovery, so this internship gave me lots of direct and involved opportunities. Additionally, I was able to connect with many people at the Courthouse to do attorney chats with KAP as well as gain a friendship with a law student interning there, who served as a mock judge for one of our Mock Trials!

Mariah Cade - Summer 2025



This past summer, I had an amazing and truly informative experience interning at the Public Defender's Office! While there I got to work with and learn from experienced attorneys such as Lis Polluck, but also gain great insights from the law students interning alongside us. I was interested in this summer internship because I sought to learn more about the criminal justice system, and criminal law. Additionally, working during the summer granted greater flexibility with the option to work full or part-time! Overall, this opportunity gave me crucial experience managing tight deadlines, conducting client interactions, and reviewing discovery documents.

Darby Elo - Fall 2025



As an intern in the Public Defender's Office, I worked closely with attorneys to summarize discovery footage, redact legal documents, and attend court proceedings. This role provided the hands-on exposure I sought while immersing me in a wide range of cases. Over the course of the semester, I gained a deeper understanding of the communities public defenders serve and felt my work contributed meaningfully to the office's mission. Most importantly, the experience strengthened my understanding of the law in practice and helped clarify my specific legal interests.

Alexis Balodimas - Fall 2025



During my fall semester, I had my first internship at the Champaign County Public Defender's Office. As an intern there, I, along with my peers, were given projects by lawyers at the office to complete. These projects involved us reviewing evidence, whether it be from video footage or police reports, and creating summaries of what was learned to assist the lawyer at hand. It was an enriching and interesting experience as I not only got hands-on experience about the process that goes into case preparation, but I was also given many opportunities to attend client meetings, jail visits, and attend different types of hearings. The lawyers at the office were more than willing to explain what new ideas meant and wanted us to have as many new experiences as possible for our growth. I highly recommend applying for an internship here!