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What made you submit an application to participate in ACC SoCal's internship program?

The chance to work in-house and build connections with in-house attorneys through the ACC was what first motivated me to apply for the ACC SoCal Internship Program. Opportunities like this are rare for law students, especially 1Ls, so getting early exposure to the inner workings of a corporate legal team was something I could not pass up.

What has surprised you about working for an in-house legal department?

What surprised me most was how many roles in-house counsel teams take on beyond traditional legal work. I quickly learned that just being a great attorney was not enough, you also have to understand the business and the industry inside and out. It was inspiring to see my team at Terumo Neuro excel at partnering with every department and maintaining such strong relationships across the company.

How do you think this experience will impact your future career as a lawyer?

One of the most valuable lessons I gained was seeing things from the client's perspective. I observed firsthand how companies decide which law firms to partner with and why. When I begin my career at a firm, I will carry this insight with me and use it to strengthen relationships with existing clients, and build relationships with new ones.

What will you tell your classmates about this ACC SoCal Internship Program?

I will tell them that the ACC SoCal Internship Program gave me an invaluable opportunity to learn what it is like to work in-house and be part of a team that supports a business every day. I learned how in-house lawyers think through practical problems, not just legal ones. However, the best part was the mentorship from my ACC mentors and my team at Terumo Neuro. It was real, they genuinely took the time to guide me and help me grow, not just supervise me.