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What made you submit an application to participate in the ACCess Internship Program?

When I started looking for 1L internships, my goal was to land a Business and Legal Affairs role where I could see what it's like to work on a corporate counsel team. The ACCess Internship Program immediately stood out because of its mentorship, networking opportunities, and real exposure to in-house work. I knew it would be the perfect opportunity for me to learn and connect with attorneys doing the kind of work I want to do in the future.

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

What surprised me most about working in-house was how much variety there is in the work. At Pharmavite, I expected to focus mainly on contracts, but within the first few weeks, I gained experience across intellectual property, regulatory, and employment matters. I conducted research for each legal department, observed depositions and attended meetings with outside counsel on employment litigation matters, while also supporting the IP team in protecting the Nature Made brand and its registered trademarks. It was amazing to see how in-house counsel act as problem-solvers for every part of the business.

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

The most valuable part of the program was the chance to explore different areas of law, rather than just focusing on one, which helped me better understand my true interests. The guidance I received from my mentors through the internship program and at Pharmavite, along with the program's events throughout the summer, gave me invaluable insights into preparing for an in-house legal career. Honestly, everyone I worked with felt like a mentor and made my summer experience even more meaningful and insightful.

What will you tell your classmates about the ACCess Internship Program?

I can't wait to tell all of the first years at my school to apply to this amazing program. As a first-generation student with limited professional experience, the mentorship, guidance, and hands-on work I gained that summer were really meaningful. It was my first real exposure to corporate life, and it gave me a perspective that will influence my career for years to come.

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Contact Shannon Keany to learn more about our ACCess Internship Program.

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