During my summer internship with the Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough in Charleston, South Carolina, I had a multitude of new experiences. Judge Scarborough, Master in Equity of Charleston County, is a Sewanee alumnus who invited me into his office and onto his bench in the hopes of showing me exactly what his position entailed. The six members of the office staff were also very welcoming and willing to help me find my way around the office and the courthouse.

My responsibilities varied from daily chores to meaningful work on assignments pertinent to actual cases. Each day I would prepare the courtroom and retrieve any files that were needed from the clerk of court. Other tasks included contacting lawyers to relay information to them from the judge, update the online court schedule, and organize weekly calendars with case details that were useful to the judge.

Judge Scarborough asked me to complete writing assignments that required me to do some legal research. If there was an upcoming case he thought would be interesting, I would read the case file, summarize the facts, and look up past case law that would help make a judgment on the present case. After the memorandum was completed, Judge Scarborough offered me some feedback, which was meant to help me think like a lawyer and ask the right questions.

My overall experience with Judge Scarborough was enlightening and entertaining. I was rarely bored and there were always interesting cases and people coming before the judge. As an alumnus, Judge Scarborough should be utilized as a great mentor for summer interns, and an important connection to other alumni and prospective students in Charleston, South Carolina.