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Tonya Public Affairs Internship – Justice Robert Brown
Executive Summary

Immediately after graduation I began working in Justice Brown's chambers at the Arkansas Supreme Court. I was quickly introduced to the work environment and given my first case. During this introduction, I learned that I would need to read the case briefs and write a memo informing Judge Brown of the legal issues in the case.

I worked with two other interns who had just completed their first year of law school. I also worked with Judge Brown's two law clerks and his office assistant that were always willing to give guidance and advice.

This internship experience provided me with a completely different workplace atmosphere than what I had encountered before. The requirements of this job were centered on reading, writing, and researching. In my previous congressional internships, I had been given other tasks that mostly involved communicating with constituents. Through this experience, I learned that public service involving public policy and law is a widespread and evolving environment that is not limited to Washington D.C.

I also learned a first hand practical approach to legal research and writing that will help me greatly in my first year of law school next year. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to undertake this practical and informative internship experience. Having experienced the law first hand will truly help me as I enter law school this fall.