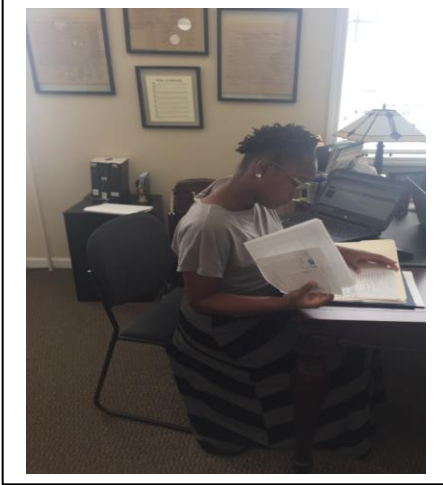


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I completed by internship experience at Lipscomb Smith Law, LLC. Being mentored by Attorney Latonya Lipscomb Smith was an eye opening experience! While working at the law firm, my responsibilities were above and beyond performing basic administrative tasks like data entry, copying and filing. I conducted research and worked on important projects that included Social Security Disability and Probates. I also had the opportunity to work on a joint project with the D.W. Perkins Association and I even supported Atty. Smith as she prepared for classes that she teaches at Edward Waters College (EWC).

With the D.W. Perkins I captured meeting minutes and attended one of the Jacksonville Bar Socials. While attending the social, I had the opportunity to network with different types of lawyers. During a discussion with one attorney, I shared my desire specialize in Social Security Disability. She responded, “When you finish law school give me a call so I can contact someone who does Social Security Disability and they would be glad to have you.” This interaction was definitely a morale booster!

When I first entered the summer internship program, my career aspiration was to become an Attorney or Criminal Investigator. Being selected as a 2018 summer internship award recipient has helped me to realize that I not only want to become an attorney but one that specializes in Social Security Disability. Completing this internship was amazing! It showed me things I didn’t know about myself but most importantly, it made me realize that I have what it takes to become a lawyer. I would like to thank you AnnieRuth Foundation for giving me a chance to have an amazing summer experience.