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Over the summer, the Wellman Hill program granted me the marvelous opportunity to intern at the Attorney General's Office in Boston, Massachusetts. While I was excited to explore a new city and to have another experience in the public sector, I was also nervous to start work in an area about which I knew little. However, after my first week that included meeting the attorneys and my fellow interns, I knew I would be in for a dynamic summer of great responsibility and service to the Commonwealth.

The Attorney General Maura Healy, the Chief Lawyer of the Commonwealth, and her office in Boston seek to advocate for and provide resources to residents dealing with a wide range of challenges. These include issues related to civil rights, financial and insurance fraud, and economic recovery. To tackle the plethora of issues, there are six bureaus, which include the Executive, Criminal, Energy and Environment, Government, Health Care and Fair Competition, and Public Protection and Advocacy. Under these bureaus, there are teams who work individually and collaboratively to ensure maximum protection for residents.

The most memorable moment of this summer experience came in my first week. I was assigned to a case in Gaming Enforcement, which is a fairly new aspect of the law as casinos have only recently become more popular in the Northern area of the United States. After reviewing federal court proceedings from cases of gaming regulation violations, I was to suggest to attorneys whether a retrial at the state level might receive a different verdict. For example, the attorney I worked with, Patrick Hanley, often inquired about the possibility of receiving a guilty verdict in state courts. My responses were based on the credibility of witnesses, the role of prosecutors, and the overall presentation of the story to jurors at the federal trial. In the end, I

was pleased to see that I had had an influence in the outcome of cases. To know that my hard work had real-life effects is indescribable. I was also impressed to see Mr. Hanley's deep concern that citizens abided by the laws in Boston and were not taking shortcuts to success.

Indeed, Mr. Hanley and the other attorneys I worked with dedicated their lives to producing fair results that benefit the inhabitants of Boston. I worked in the Criminal Bureau and our chief, Kim West, was first and foremost focused on doing work that upheld the law. In the office, shortcuts were not condoned, and everyone from the Attorney General down to the legal and non-legal interns were expected to come to work every day and provide solutions to people's problems. While they were not the highest paid individuals, you could tell the attorneys and others had a passion for the valuable service they were doing.

My time at the Attorney General's Office in Boston would not have been made possible without the Wellman Hill grant. I am grateful that I experienced a wonderful summer with a meaningful organization devoted to serving the public. I thank Ms. Elizabeth Hill for her generous gift, and now I am reassured that a life in public service is a life worth pursuing.