CTIC’s Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program...Summer 2022 Reflections

CTIC’s summer public interest fellowship program provides funding to 1L and 2L Penn Law students who obtain internships with public interest or government organizations doing work in technology policy, IP, privacy, and other areas. The 2022 recipients reflected on their public interest experiences this summer.

Katie Cohen (L’24)
Summer Law Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, University of Pennsylvania and Penn Medicine

I had a wonderful experience and gained exposure to a variety of issues across the health system. I worked on a HIPAA violation case and drug diversion reporting, gathered findings on de-identified data taken from autopsies to inform the health system’s guidance on data sharing, and worked on a few assignments for the post-Roe contingency planning task force at Penn Medicine. My summer experience has illuminated new legal questions I hope to explore during the next two years of law school and confirmed my interest in pursuing a career as a health care regulatory attorney.

Shashank Sirivolu (L’24)
Summer Legal Intern, Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)

EFF was the perfect organization to develop my litigation skills in two areas that I care deeply about—digital rights and innovation promotion. I worked on all aspects of the organization’s 1st
and 4th Amendment litigation, drafted and submitted a comment to UK competition regulators, coordinated amicus efforts, and observed a team that was litigating a copyright case in the Ninth Circuit. I learned the mechanics and strategic aspects of impact litigation under the guidance of an immensely talented and committed legal team. EFF is a leading voice in the digital rights community, and I feel fortunate to have been a small part of the organization’s efforts to ensure that technology supports freedom, justice, and innovation for all.

Yifan (Molly) Zhang (L’23)
Legal Intern, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

I was able to engage in antitrust cases in the areas of airplanes, hospitals, and drugs. I really enjoyed the experience of preparing legal memoranda and doing legal research, which allowed me to practice my skills and accumulate new knowledge. It enhanced my interest in antitrust overall. I appreciate CTIC’s support!