



Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition

## Christina Chen JD/MCIT '20, a 2018 CTIC Public Interest Fellow, Shares her Experience



CTIC's Summer Public Interest Fellowships fund internships with public interest or government organizations doing work relevant to CTIC's focus on technology policy, intellectual property, cyber law and privacy. These Fellowships are open to Penn Law 1Ls and 2Ls and give students the opportunity to gain experience in technology law that might not otherwise be available to them.

Christina Chen JD/MCIT '20 spoke highly of her experience as a 2018 CTIC Public Interest Fellow at The Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University:

*The Cyberlaw Clinic operates like a small law firm, advising clients who don't have the means to obtain quality legal services in the market. After having worked at a large and well-established tech company, I was excited to learn about the unique issues faced by startups and non-profit organizations. My responsibilities included interviewing clients and drafting correspondences, editing contracts, researching intellectual property issues, and helping to prepare an amicus brief opposing the net neutrality repeal. As a dual degree JD/MCIT student, I was excited to utilize both my legal and computer science training in understanding my clients' new innovations and assessing their nuanced legal concerns.*

*Across my varied work assignments, I've also gained valuable skills and insights that can't be taught in a classroom. I have observed how my supervising attorneys build client relationships and think strategically about policy and litigation issues. After an initial client interview, I worked with attorneys to assess the clients' top priorities and outline the most effective work product for the client. I have learned immensely from my fellow interns and also through the informal feedback given by experienced attorneys.*

*I am grateful to CTIC for the Public Interest Fellowship and to Harvard for a fantastic summer. I am excited to start my 2L year and greatly look forward to tackling new law and technology challenges in my future legal career.*

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