Sullivan students enjoyed a ‘court-side’ view!

Paralegal students traveled to Cincinnati to hear oral arguments at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The federal court has jurisdiction over federal appeals from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The Court of Appeals is one step below the United States Supreme Court in the judicial system. Several cases argued before the three-judge panel were appeals from Kentucky courts. Robert Long, Sullivan adjunct professor and Assistant Attorney General, represented the appellant in the case of Gentry v. Deuth which involved a writ of habeas corpus to vacate a judgment of a criminal conviction.

The legal system—Washington style

Sullivan’s Paralegal students have many opportunities to experience the legal system first-hand. Recently, eight paralegal students and Professor Helen Bongard took an extensive tour of our nation’s capital while learning more about how the legal system and law firms operate. Congressman Ben Chandler’s office provided the group with a private tour of the U.S. Capitol. Students also had an opportunity to visit other sites such the United States Supreme Court, the White House, Smithsonian Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall and the newly constructed World War II Memorial. Students also met with the paralegals and the paralegal manager at Hogan & Hartson, a law firm headquartered in Washington, D.C. with over 1,000 attorneys working in 23 offices around the world. The firm, which previously included Chef Justice John Roberts as a member, focuses on complex business litigation, intellectual property, and environmental law. Paralegals are assigned to a specific practice section, but may apply to work in the law firm’s extensive pro bono division. Professor Helen Bongard said of the experience, “The paralegals warmly welcomed us to the firm. Our students were really impressed with the paralegals’ scope of responsibility and with the law firm’s offices which included a 24 hour word processing center.”

Wow! Paralegal student receives a $5,000 scholarship

Chastity Patterson recently received a $5,000 Bachelor of Science degree scholarship given by Sullivan University. Chastity was chosen from a number of worthy applicants by the Legal Studies Advisory Board. Chastity received her Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Sullivan University in 2001, and will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in December, 2006. Chastity hopes to attend law school in the fall of 2007.

Sullivan paralegal earns law degree

Sullivan University’s paralegal program does a wonderful job of preparing students to enter the legal field. Graduate Alecia Absher experienced the benefits first-hand. Alecia graduated from Sullivan in March of 2001 with a Post Baccalaureate Degree in Paralegal Studies. After graduation, she worked as a real estate paralegal before she decided to continue her education at Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. Alecia was impressed with her Sullivan education, “Law school is centered on legal theory. My experience at Sullivan helped me learn to apply the facts to legal theory. It was also an advantage in my legal writing and research classes. While most of my fellow students were struggling in those classes, it was more of a refresher course for me.” Alecia is now studying for the Kentucky Bar Exam and intends returning to her hometown of Greensburg, Kentucky and establishing a general law practice when she passes the exam.

If you would like to experience success in the legal profession, Sullivan University’s Paralegal Program can prepare you for an exciting new career in the legal field. New classes begin every January, March, June and September. Contact the Admissions Department to receive more information.

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Sullivan University goes Hollywood!

Student Rachel Henrizi was very impressed by the need to bring high energy to the work, while remaining calm in the face of pressure. “I was amazed at how calm and collected those working behind the scenes were when they had to plate food for 500 people in ten minutes,” she stated.

The royal treatment

Chefs David Dodd MBE, CCE, CCE, and Derek Spendlove CEP, CCE, AAC, of Sullivan University’s National Center for Hospitality Studies in Louisville, created the cake for the Peace wedding. Chef Dodd brought his pastry expertise, gained in part from his years as the Special Commitment Chef to the Royal Household in Great Britain from 1968-75. Chef Spendlove, the Chairman of the Baking & Pastry Arts Program and Team Manager for the Student Culinary Competition Team, competes in culinary events around the world, writes about his craft, and was named Chef of the Year by the Kentucky Chefs Association in 2000.

Before the guests arrived, chefs and students put the finishing touches on their creations. A national audience had the chance to see their handiwork the following Tuesday, as viewers tuned in to The Ellen DeGeneres Show to see one couple’s dream become a reality.