Interning at Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA)
Paris, France

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What is the UIA?

- Trilingual NGO
- “Brining together the world’s lawyers”
- Over 2,000 individual members, 200 bar, federation and association members from over 110 countries
- Organizes seminars, plans annual Congress, adopts resolutions on current problems faced by the legal profession throughout the world
The Work

Primarily Communications

- Restored and edited the UIA Wikipedia pages to make information about the UIA easily accessible and available to the public

- Wrote and posted information about the 59th UIA Congress, weekly UIA seminars and human rights law news on LinkedIn, Twitter & Facebook

- Translated official UIA documents including the UIA Annual Report and weekly newsletters to and from French and English
The Work (Continued)

- Researched immigration law and food law firms to spread awareness of the UIA special sessions in the 59th Congress.

- Interviewed Jacqueline Bart, Canadian immigration law specialist, and wrote an article to be published in the UIA magazine - *The Juriste Internationale*.

- Promoted the Jacques Leroy International Prize competition to encourage students to apply.
The Office

23 rue du Jour
(1st Arrondissement)
Most Rewarding Aspects...

- 100% French working environment → improved French speaking, reading and writing abilities
- Conducting and writing an interview → first official published piece of writing
- Researching Immigration law → learned more about a field of law I may decide to pursue
What I Learned...

- Professional uses of social media
- Understanding of the importance of teamwork and cooperation in work environments
Impact on my future

● Passion for Paris solidified my desire to study abroad in Paris for a semester

● Affirmed my interest in international law

● Sparked my curiosity about topics I researched (immigration law, food law etc.)

● Developed research skills and professional French-speaking work experience