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During the summer I interned with Wiley Wasden at Brennan, Wasden, & Painter, LLC in Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Wasden's firm is a large firm with offices in Savannah and Augusta. The firm handles a wide variety of legal issues. My work this summer focused on a number of different cases in the health care and insurance areas of the practice.

Throughout my time I partook in a variety of different tasks to help the partners and associates with their caseload.

One of the most exciting activities included attending depositions of individuals involved in the cases. During depositions the attorneys on the case question defendants, plaintiffs, witnesses, and experts in front of a court reporter with the encounter holding the same weight as a testimony in court. This was a very educational activity that I attended with various lawyers from the firm. It was interesting to research the case and then listen to the different questions the lawyers for each party asked. In addition, it was surprising to see the answers the individuals being questioned provided. For example, in one deposition the man being questioned was getting very emotional as he told and retold the narrative of the event in question as he believed it to have happened. However, the lawyer kept presenting facts and evidence that contradicted his testimony. Thus, the individual being questioned got frustrated as the evidence revealed holes in his recollection of the event. As

I attended more depositions, I found myself predicting the questions the attorneys would ask.

Another part of my internship included writing deposition indexes. Although tedious, summarizing the lengthy depositions made me familiar with every narrative for the case and the procedures and practices at depositions. Furthermore, I knew that the index I was creating would be a useful tool for the attorneys in the future and it allowed me to familiarize myself with the testimonies of different parties in the case before attending a deposition of another party in the case. This task also helped me understand the relevant facts from the depositions and how to communicate them in a concise manner.

There are a number of other tasks I completed during my internship with Mr. Wasden. I was often asked to do legal research for various cases and draft memorandums for the attorneys and paralegals, which was extremely helpful for a young individual in the legal profession. My time at Brennan, Wasden, & Painter, LLC was extremely valuable. I am currently enrolled in law school and my experiences at Mr. Wasden's firm helped prepare me and has given me an advantage at law school. In addition, the internship provided me with valuable networking opportunities not available to other young, aspiring attorneys in the Georgia market.