

Meet our 2019 Summer Clerks



"Cassandra ("Cassie") Robinson began her time as a summer law clerk with VLAK on May 6th. Cassie is a 1L at Appalachian School of Law, where she also serves as Treasurer for its Business and International Law Society. Cassie is from Lovely, in Martin County, KY, and graduated from the University of Pikeville with a BA and later an MBA. She most recently was employed as Human Resources Director at Big Sandy Health Care. She enjoys serving as a CASA volunteer, and also enjoys playing with her niece Bella and with her cat, Charlie. Welcome, Cassie!"



“Heather Whittemore is a rising 3L at Duke Law School, and has a BA in History from Wesleyan. She is originally from eastern Tennessee – Kingsport, TN.

She is most interested in Consumer Law. Last summer she interned at Mountain State Justice, in Morgantown, West Virginia.” Welcome Heather!



“Bryant Davis grew up outside Townville, Pennsylvania, population three hundred, in between a cornfield and a forest. He graduated magna cum laude from Allegheny College and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame. In 2012, he was awarded the Nicholas Sparks Prize for Fiction. His prize money running out, he spent several years working as a staff writer and editor for a series of disreputable internet clickbait websites before deciding to become a lawyer. He currently attends Columbia Law School in New York City.” Welcome Bryant!



“Connor Hicks grew up in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of West Virginia University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism, cum laude. He majored in advertising and minored in interactive media design, political science, and legal studies. He recently finished his first year at the University of Kentucky College of law and plans to practice law in rural Appalachia after graduation.” Welcome Connor!



David Raban is a current JD/MPP at the University of Chicago Law School and Harris School of Public Policy. His prior areas of legal experience include immigration, public defense, and civil rights. He spends his free time working on a series of public policy podcasts, including “UC3P.” Welcome David!



"Kaelyn Martin is a Rising 3L at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia. Kaelyn is originally from Hazard, KY. She attended Alice Lloyd College prior to law school where she received her Bachelor's Degree with honors in History/Pre-Law. Kaelyn is most interested in Family Law and Property Law. Kaelyn previously interned for the Department of Public Advocacy Office in Hazard, KY. Kaelyn would like to practice law in Eastern Kentucky once she graduates from law school." Welcome Kaelyn!

Meet Arielle Yoon - AppalReD's Prestonsburg Summer Clerk:



“I’m a student from The University of Chicago Law School and I’m from Los Angeles, California. I studied Anthropology in undergrad and I love studying Spanish, reading, and hiking. I am on my law school’s student government, where I do a lot of Diversity and Inclusion work because I think it is so important to understand and respect the lived experiences of those who are different than ourselves. “

Welcome Arielle!

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