

GMAP Internship Report / GMAP インターンシップ報告書

No. 2018-03

I. Basic information / 基本情報

- 1) Name / 名前 : Chen Xueying
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : October 2017
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 1 month (2018/9/3 – 2019/9/28)
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Higashimachi Law Firm
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Tezuka Shohei
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容 :
 1. Reviewing evidence of cases and drafting case related correspondence;
 2. Reviewing and checking agreements (ie. term sheet, engagement letter, costs agreement, MOA, distribution agreement, license agreement) and discussing with supervisor;
 3. Observing the conferences with clients;

II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想

Including the following points: merits, demerits, lessons, contribution to your future career, personal experience etc.

During the one-month internship, I read through many cases my supervisor and other lawyers deals with in the past, and get involved with the current cases they are dealing with. I was assigned to various jobs, including but not limited to drafting email/letter to opposing party/governmental organization, reviewing, checking and discussing the details of various agreements.

My supervisor has many shipping cases at hand. He introduced me some concepts in this field which is totally new to me. For example, the ballast water management and drydock. I drafted a letter to U.S. governmental organization to explain the situation, in order to extend the compliance date for our client. During my internship, a super typhoon hit Kobe and caused damage to many warehouses. I witnessed the whole process of how the representative from law department of a company cooperates with the lawyer in the law firm, and try to figure out who bears the risks and reduce the lost to the most extent. From different legal documents I reviewed, I learned new terminology and review the usage of legal term I learned before at university which deepen my understanding. From the correspondence among different parties in the cases, I learned the way to communicate with my own clients, the opposing parties and the third parties through e-mail and conference.

Moreover, I went to an reception and networking event in the first week of my internship. In the third week of my internship, I was also invited by my supervisor to give a presentation in Hyogo Bar Association regarding Chinese civil procedure law. I introduced the development and structure of Chinese civil procedure law, court system, litigation process and main amendment of 2015 and 2017.

The lawyers of the law firm are open-minded. By communicating with them, I got to know the career path of the foreign lawyers in Japan, and understand my situation in a clearer way. In addition, I also got to know the current role that Japanese in-house lawyers is playing by talking with the counsel of the law firm. These experiences help me better make a career path and plan for myself before I secure a job.

It is an great experience for me to do an internship in a Japanese law firm, and know the daily work-life of Japanese lawyers. I highly recommend students to apply this internship.

(Photos)



(印日商工会議所との懇談会 9/6)



(Farewell Party 9/26)

(Date / 15 October 2018)