

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

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I. Basic information / 基本情報

- 1) Name / 名前 : JIAYINA AHEHATI
- 2) Enrolled year / 入学年 : 2021
- 3) Period of internship / インターン期間 : 5th February 2024 - 16th February 2024
- 4) Place of internship / インターン場所 : Higashimachi LPC
- 5) Person who accepted your internship / インターン受入担当者 : Shimei Baku / Peter Cassidy / Tezuka Shohei
- 6) Content of work in your internship / インターン中の作業内容:
 - Attending clients meeting
 - Adding comments on contracts
 - Doing legal research and analysis
 - Translation of documents
 - Summary of Case Information

II. Details and impressions / 詳細と感想

1. Preface

During my two-week internship at Higashimachi LPC in Kobe, I had the privilege of being mentored by three outstanding lawyers: Mr. Baku, Mr. Cassidy, and Mr. Tezuka. The atmosphere at the firm was highly conducive to learning, and I found everyone to be incredibly supportive and willing to patiently assist me whenever I had questions. Instead of merely observing from behind a desk, I had the opportunity to actively participate in various aspects of legal work.

2. Details of my work

On the first day, I had the privilege of collaborating with lawyers in reviewing English contracts, where I was able to apply my knowledge of contracts acquired at Kobe University and offer my own comments and suggestions. Additionally, I was able to contribute to such contract review process. Mr. Cassidy encouraged me to think critically and express my own opinions freely. The open and inclusive environment at Higashimachi LPC made me feel comfortable and inspired me to learn more.

In the first week, I was also exposed to complex ongoing international cases during my internship,

where I was responsible for translating and organizing timelines, drafting case summaries, and discussing with Mr. Baku how to pinpoint the core issues of such transnational cases and determine the most beneficial resolution for the parties involved.

During the second week, the lawyers not only showed me some classic cases but also took me to meet with clients and participate in client meetings. I attended two client meetings, where I gained insights into how lawyers professionally communicate with their clients. I learned that lawyers often take quick notes or sketch relationship diagrams to clarify the case and address the clients' needs during these interactions. Additionally, while participating in arbitration-related cases, I acquired knowledge about drafting arbitration clauses in contracts and recommending suitable arbitration centers based on the parties' preferences and financial capabilities.

Mr. Cassidy also initiated weekly legal English classes, from which I gained a deeper understanding of legal terminology and common law principles. I am grateful for this opportunity to expand my knowledge in both legal English and common law.

These experiences provided me with a deeper understanding of legal practice and allowed me to appreciate the challenges and skills involved in handling cases.

3. Contribution to my future career

During the internship, I had the chance to receive invaluable life advice from the lawyers, which greatly helped me during a period of uncertainty in my life. I am currently navigating through such a phase, and their guidance has been immensely beneficial. I particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience I gained during my time at the firm. It sparked an interest in becoming an international lawyer in the future. Seeing how international legal cases unfold and the challenges they present, I found myself drawn to the idea of working in this field.

The lawyers at Higashimachi LPC are all very enterprising, with even those who have been in practice for twenty years continuing to learn. Each person is able to speak a second or even a third language, and some have even obtained doctoral degrees while working at the law firm. I aspire to become someone who is constantly learning like them.

4. Conclusion

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Baku, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Tezuka. Through their guidance, I gained a deeper understanding of various legal concepts, including tax law, maritime law, corporate law, and contract law. Despite their busy schedules, Mr. Baku, Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Tezuka all patiently mentored me, helping me develop my skills and knowledge in legal practice. And I also

want to express my gratitude to other members of the law firm. I attended the firm's welcome party, where everyone was very friendly. We had lunch together every day, and the atmosphere was very relaxed.

Overall, I want to say that Higashimachi LPC was the best places I have interned at. The firm is characterized by its diversity, with lawyers from different countries contributing their unique perspectives to the practice. Here, I not only gained valuable knowledge and experience but also developed essential skills in contract review and extracting key information from evidence materials. This internship experience will be a valuable asset to my future career, and I am really grateful for the opportunity.

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