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UB LAW *responds:* OPENING DOORS TO LAW



Undergraduate interns Natassia Tuhovak (left) and Philomena Burger (right).

VITAL WORK on their way to law school

The School of Law's thriving clinical legal education program has expanded its reach – and cultivated some potential new law students in the process. Two talented undergraduates interned in our clinics this summer under the supervision of **Kim Diana Connolly**, director of clinical legal education, and clinic staff and summer law students.

"These undergraduate students came in highly recommended by their own institutions," Connolly says. "The clinical program welcomed them and provided them with an opportunity to investigate their interest in becoming a lawyer.

"These are two amazing young people who experienced firsthand what's going on with our legal clients. They read documents, attended meetings, did research, and saw what it's like to interact with legal clients. We showed them what we do as lawyers, and shared our excitement about what we do in the clinics."

POWERING education

Alumni support is critical to keeping law school affordable. These students are the grateful recipients of scholarships funded by UB School of Law alumni – fostering new legal talent.

Scholarships awarded 2017-18

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Jacob R. Sikora '18



“The three of us are very proud to be graduates of UB School of Law. This institution provided a well-rounded education that allowed us to be gainfully employed upon graduation. We want to share the wealth of what UB law can offer by providing this scholarship.” — Elizabeth M. Savino '92 with her daughter, Emma M. Savino '18, and husband, William F. Savino '75

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Kristen R. Spulecki '19

Philomena Burger, a rising sophomore at the University of Chicago, was a full-time intern in the Environmental Advocacy Clinic, where she worked on issues of water quality in the City of Buffalo and helping with follow-up on Puerto Rico relief efforts.

As a biology major, she says, "I don't get the chance to read things about the current world and the people within it. I find researching the disparity of clean water among low-income households and the lack of basic resources in Puerto Rico, to this day, so saddening, but fascinating. The first step of making a difference is knowing and understanding the problem."

Burger says working in the clinic has confirmed her interest in environmental work. "I want to go to law school and later find a job where I can work on environmental policy and advocacy," she says. "There are so many issues facing the environment right now, and a lot of people are ignorant to them."

Her fellow intern, **Natassia Tuhovak**, is a rising senior at

Canisius College, where she studies animal behavior, communication studies and political science. She interned 10 hours a week in the Animal Law Clinic.

One practical benefit was learning to use Law Library databases to research case law – a skill she'll need in law school. In addition, she says, sitting in on a monthly conference call among the directors of the seven animal law clinics nationwide has been a great experience. "I got to hear some exciting updates on what each professor has been working on to help animals, and it was rewarding to see animal law actually being implemented," Tuhovak says. "It was great to make some connections with people in the animal law field and to hear about all they have accomplished."

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