

Mogel Internship (May-August 2019)

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This summer I was fortunate to work on Capitol Hill as the Mogel Intern for Representative Markwayne Mullin (OK-02), a sitting member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and co-chair of the House Energy Action Team (HEAT). From the May grind to the August recess, this opportunity exceeded all expectations and is highly recommended to all law students interested in energy law and policy.



Early on I attended Energy and Commerce hearings not in the bleachers as a mere spectator, but behind the scenes in the anteroom rubbing elbows with Committee members and staff. The growl of the coffee machine would keep me on my toes as I kept my fingers on the pulse of the room, burning through submitted testimony and preparing questions to address pitfalls in witness testimony regarding the Green New Deal, the LIFT America Act, and the decarbonization of our economy. The skills I had learned in Trial Skills and Moot Court proved invaluable when faced with drafting questions on the fly for both friendly and adverse witnesses testifying before the Committee.

At the behest of the Minority Whip, Steve Scalise (LA-01), the Office of Oklahoma's Second District was tasked with preparing HEAT weekly updates, member highlights, and energy subtopic policy statements to inform interested members and staff.



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As the Mogel Intern, many of the HEAT responsibilities fell to me. The opportunity served as a spring board and allowed me to dive deep into the legal and political framework of energy subtopics such as nuclear power and waste, pipeline and grid infrastructure, energy innovation, agriculture, and transportation.

In-depth participation in HEAT enabled me to forge and maintain relationships with stakeholders such as the Global Carbon Capture and Sequestration Institute and the American Farm Bureau Federation. As an adopted member of Team Mullin, I interfaced with constituents daily and sought out any and every opportunity to make and foster a connection. The existence and maintenance of such relationships are essential for any Congressional office to adequately represent the interests of their electorate and I was grateful to play my part as the Mogel Intern for Team Mullin.

Furthermore, Washington D.C. is chock-full of professional networking opportunities that any future Mogel Intern can benefit from. Personal meetings with private energy attorneys, lobbyists, and legislative staffers are a "mail.house.gov" email away. Congressional briefings, such as the Atomic Wings Luncheon, are generously circulated throughout the office. Representatives from districts across the country stopped in at the Atomic Wings briefing to discuss the future of nuclear energy and get their downtown ties stained with chicken wing buffalo sauce and a side of ranch. The Energy Bar Association held an intern networking reception in Chinatown where the only thing missing were baozhu. In attendance were Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission attorneys, private attorneys, and law student interns with similar interests in energy law and policy.

Without a doubt every experience I have had up to this point, personal or professional, pales in comparison to that of the Mogel Internship. I would recommend this opportunity and other opportunities like it to any law student interested in energy law and policy because it will electrify your life, as well as your résumé.