

**SUMMER 2009  
'75 INTERNS' FINAL, UNEDITED WRITE-UPS**

**KIM, INAE (JUDGE CHIN CHAMBERS)**

Inae Kim '10

Judge Denny Chin's Chambers at Southern District Court of New York, Clerk  
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The Southern District Court of New York is a federal district court, whose jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, Manhattan and Bronx. Judge Chin, who has been on the bench for over 15 years, hears both civil and criminal cases. Given my unique position as an only undergraduate intern in the Chambers (all other interns are in law school), I do not get the usual task of conducting legal research and writing legal opinions. Instead, my job ranges from simple tasks of filing, mailing, and observing trials to numerous, more substantive "projects." For instance, I read through all the letters that the victims of Madoff ponzi scheme submitted, and made a brief analysis of who they were, what they demanded, and in what ways they were affected by the fraud. Also I researched changes that took place after Supreme Court case of the *Booker*, and accompanied the judge to sentencing guidelines commission held in International Trade Court.

Overall, I gained a more realistic understanding of law from observing small civil conferences to trials. One realization was that the stability of our legal system is not necessarily dependent on its structure, but rather on individual endeavors of participants, e.g. the Judge, the jury, the lawyers, etc. As long as such lurking presence of error and uncertainty remains, I would like to be on a vantage point to see the shortcomings of legal system. In this respect, being in academia seems to be a more favorable option than being actively involved in practice of law. After graduation, I want to further my study in political theory and jurisprudence.

I wholeheartedly recommend this internship to whoever considers their career in law. One piece of valuable advice that my fellow interns from law school gave me was that one should never go to law school without having good reasons. And there is, it seems to me, no better way of finding such reasons than observing how law is practiced in Courthouse. Furthermore, given its unique location and history, working at the SDNY will provide exciting opportunities to observe trials ranging from drug conspiracy, child pornography to securities fraud cases.

**NAKAYAMA, MARIKO (ROYAL COURTS)**

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## Personal Support Unit Development Officer

The Personal Support Unit (PSU) is an independent charity under the Royal Courts of Justice (RCJ), the UK's highest-ranking court. The PSU provides non-legal practical and emotional support to anyone in court – usually litigants-in-person – who do not have legal representation. Often litigants-in-person are poor, uneducated, and speak English as a second language. The PSU is very small, with few permanent staff members, but it is bolstered with over one hundred volunteers who are trained to support often emotionally distressed clients from various backgrounds. As an intern I was assigned tasks related to all aspects of PSU's operation. I worked directly with clients: I accompanied them to court hearings, rehearsed oral arguments, sorted out documents, and calmed them down by listening to their stories and unburdening them. Working with clients was like working as a therapist, a teacher, and a friend. My internship required me to use effective communication and counseling skills. I was also involved in a great deal of projects on the operational side of the PSU. This included organizing and managing fundraisers for supporters of the PSU, creating the PSU donors' database, and dealing with accounts. For example, I organized a reception for the PSU supporters and donors with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, one of the largest international law firms in London. I learned a great deal about English society: for example, by sending invites to the guests (which included both previous and current Lord Chief Justices of England, Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers and Lord Judge) I had to learn how to address these individuals following proper tradition and decorum. The work was challenging but the PSU staff members always made sure I was happy with the task I was assigned and were available to answer any questions I had. They trusted me my tasks, which were important for PSU's operation and mission.

The impact I got from this internship was significant: working at the PSU enabled me to see the human side of the legal system and how law affects people's everyday lives. Clients who came to the PSU were often emotionally distressed, vulnerable, and desperate. Working with such clients at court generated a range of emotions in me: from joy when an underprivileged client won a case to angry frustration when the labyrinthine court bureaucracy reduced a client to tears. As a student interested in law, experiencing these emotions with underprivileged litigants was an invaluable experience. My internship also challenged me to question the efficiency and fairness of the current court system. The PSU is a very small but in-demand organization, so there was always something to do, and every day I felt that I was making a tangible positive difference to the PSU and to its clients. The small size of the PSU enabled me to get to know the staff and volunteers personally. They made me feel welcome from the first day and invited me to spend time with them outside work. I came out of the internship with a vastly altered view of how much needs to be fixed in the government bureaucracy. The internship completely exceeded my expectations and I could not have asked for a better internship. I am very grateful to the Princeton class of 1975 for this wonderful opportunity.

## **PARSONS, ELIZABETH (NYPL)**

**Name:** Elizabeth Parsons

**Class Year:** 2011

**Internship Organization:** New York Public Library, Office of Strategic Planning

**Location:** New York, NY

**Primary Issue:** Non-profit and organizational management; Community building

My internship in the Office of Strategic Planning at the New York Public Library (NYPL) placed me in an ideal setting from which to explore the inner workings of one of the world's most successful non-profits. Within the framework of the Library, the goal of the Office of Strategic Planning is to help the Library "do better things" and "do things better," meaning that the Strategic Planning team works both to advise individual branch libraries and to collaborate with Library senior management in shaping the entire direction of the organization. Throughout the course of the summer, I was lucky enough to contribute to both aspects of Strategic Planning. At the branch level, one of my most interesting projects was working with the Library's User Insights Manager to design and facilitate a teen focus group at a branch in the northern Bronx. As the neighborhood's only real gathering place for teens after school, the branch had seen a spike in violence amongst the teens, and the branch's librarians could no longer safely deal with the influx of kids that used the library every day. After an hour-long discussion with about 15 teens, we developed a preliminary solution, to dedicate an underused space in the basement as a room for teens, and I was able to take a leading role in putting together the proposal to get the space remodeled.

My main summer project contributed directly to shaping the overall direction of the Library. Next fall, the Office of Strategic Planning will begin NYPL's first legitimate Strategic Planning process, and my project for the summer was to set the stage for that process by outlining the future context in which libraries in general, and NYPL specifically, will operate. Titled "Seizing the Future," the finished project explored the Future of Sustainability, the Future of Our Population, the Future of the City, the Future of Business, and the Future of Knowledge, focusing on the ways in which these trends will affect the future of NYPL. With guidance from the Library's Director of Strategy, I was incredibly proud to do a final two-hour presentation to Library leaders at the end of my internship, and I know that my work will be used as NYPL moves towards the start of its Strategic Planning process. Before taking this internship, I never imagined the ways in which libraries function beyond places where books are exchanged, but this internship opened my eyes up to the ways in which libraries can be the building blocks of successful communities. As a result of my summer experience, I would like to spend more time in strategic planning, looking at the tools involved in the successful management of different types of organizations.

## **RAUCH, DANIEL (JUDGE POLLAK CHAMBERS)**

**Name:** Daniel Rauch

**Class:** 2010

Organization: United States Federal Courts – Eastern District of New York  
Location: Brooklyn, New York  
Position: Legal Research Assistant  
Primary Issue of Public Concern: Law and Legal Services

This summer, I worked as an intern in the chambers of Judge Pollak, a federal magistrate judge in the Eastern District of New York. The Eastern District's jurisdiction includes Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island, but the cases handled by the court involve parties from around the country and the world. The purpose of this internship was to learn about the Federal Judiciary in general and the work of a magistrate judge in particular. Additionally, working at the court allowed me to observe conferences, trials and other proceedings spanning issues from drug policy to sentence reform to international copyright disputes. During my time as an intern, my primary responsibilities included writing court memoranda, conducting legal research, and drafting motions and simple opinions for various cases.

Throughout my time at the court, I was exposed to a wide variety of lawyers, clerks, judges, and others who were both incredibly knowledgeable and incredibly helpful. Through their guidance, I learned a great deal about the federal court system. In addition to learning about the law and legal concepts, I was also able to improve my legal writing and research skills and to observe a wide array of practicing lawyers in both criminal and civil cases. As a result of my time at the court, I feel I have a far more comprehensive grasp of the role of the court and the interaction between legal theory and practice. Additionally, as a result of this internship, I have formed a stronger connection with the city of New York and, more specifically, with the borough of Brooklyn. In closing, I would recommend this internship program to anyone who wants to learn more about any aspect of the law or legal practice.

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### **ROSEMAN, DANIELLA (JUDGE POLLAK CHAMBERS)**

Daniella Roseman 2010  
United States Magistrate Judge Cheryl Pollak's Chambers (New York)  
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Judge Pollak is a Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York. Her chambers prepare cases for trial before a District Judge, including such tasks as oversight of discovery and settlement procedures, and filing written opinions regarding various motion applications. As an intern in Judge Pollak's chambers, I contributed legal research for various cases pending on the docket, observed settlement and status

conferences before Judge Pollak, and watched a variety of courtroom proceedings including some high profile cases and jury selections.

In addition to research done in support of opinions being written by the law clerks, I also drafted a number of opinions for Judge Pollak and discussed my thoughts on these cases with her before oral arguments were heard. I learned an incredible amount about a variety of legal concepts and issues, and about the broader United States judicial system. I also gained foundational knowledge and experience in legal research and writing. Additionally, as an anthropology major with a particular interest in legal systems, this internship was an opportunity to observe many things about which I have studied in classes at Princeton. The Eastern District of New York, spanning the length of Long Island and including my home in Nassau County, comprises a constituency of great social and economic diversity. Some of the trials I observed this summer highlighted a severe misunderstanding of local community social systems on the part of some of the lawyers examining key witnesses. It was instructive to see aspects of my anthropological coursework at play, as in such cases of miscommunication between lawyers and witnesses on the stand, and I have gathered a number of research questions in the course of my internship experience that I hope to explore in my independent work. I am excited about pursuing a career in law and I know that my work this summer has prepared me well.