

Summer Clerk Testimonials

by Daniel Shaw

1. What did you enjoy most about your experience?

I enjoyed the opportunity to work so closely with the lawyers at Harmers, that we were made to feel like valued members of the team and that we were able to contribute to and be involved in a variety of matters. It was great to see that the work that we were doing was actually being put to use.

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2. What did you learn during the clerkship?

When I commenced the clerkship I had a very limited knowledge of employment law, however, through the various induction and training programs that we were provided and experience working on various matters during the clerkship, I gained a strong understanding of the legal foundations and the skills necessary to practice employment law. Due to the nature of the work that Harmers engages in, I also had exposure to some of the novel legal arguments that Harmers often runs.

3. What made you decide to clerk at Harmers?

Harmers has been consistently recognised as a leading employment law firm in Australia and has been involved in many landmark cases that involve a large social justice element. It was for these reasons, along with the opportunity to work on matters with both employers and employees, that I chose to clerk at Harmers.

4. Why employment law?

Having effective workplace relations is fundamental to a well-functioning Australia. Therefore, having the tasks of advising on and resolving issues within workplaces is an extremely important and interesting task to me. It is also a very unique area of law, as you have the opportunity to work on corporate matters, while simultaneously being involved in cases with a large social justice element.

5. What best describes your experiences as a Summer Clerk at Harmers?

The nature of the work that we were asked to perform while clerking at Harmers was both interesting and challenging and our research was often directly utilised by lawyers in current matters. This made for an enjoyable and meaningful experience.

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