



bit-x-bit Intern Profile

Ashley Dudkiewcza



Since the end of May Ashley Dudkiewcza, currently a junior at Duquesne University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy, has been an intern at bit-x-bit located downtown Pittsburgh in the Frick building. bit-x-bit is a computer forensic investigation and e-discovery company led by brother and sister team Scott and Susan Ardisson. Ashley has been a great asset to bit-x-bit this summer helping Susan mostly, researching cases and building their database of potential clients.

One highlight of Ashley's internship was being able to accompany Susan and Scott to court one day and observe as Scott was grilled with computer forensic questions. Ashley said, "it was a great experience to see how the system works and how all the pieces come together." Currently, Ashley is helping to plan a grand opening party for their new office in September. Clearly, she has served as a "jack-of-all-trades" for bit-x-bit this summer. Scott Ardisson, President and Chief Forensic Investigator, describes Ashley as an, "extremely capable and intelligent young woman" and he is impressed by the amount of work she completes in a short period of time. He expressed, "I often worry she'll not have enough to do."

In the beginning of her internship Ashley wasn't sure what to expect, but now she certainly has learned a lot about computers and the law. She likes working with Scott and Susan; the office environment is "laid back" and everyone gets to work at their own pace.

Ashley has found a love for the law and plans to attend law school upon graduation in December 2009. Along with her internship at bit-x-bit, she is also working part time at the law firm Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel gaining even more insight and exposure to the world of law. Her ideal job is to be a successful lawyer that allows her to live comfortably. A native of Pittsburgh, specifically Lawrenceville, Ashley enjoys reading, working out, and swimming.

bit-x-bit definitely plans to expand in the future as their business grows. In fact, they also just received a Genesis Grant from the PCKIZ which will enable them to buy more office furniture and computer software. They hope to have more interns working with them in the future.

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