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Placement: Hogan Lovells and FTC

This summer I had the privilege of living in Washington, DC and splitting my time between the Federal Trade Commission and the law firm Hogan Lovells. At the Federal Trade Commission I worked in the office of Commissioner Ohlhausen, researching and writing about issues that came in front of the Commissioner. I also had the unique opportunity to work with attorneys in the office who were focusing on privacy, and experience privacy law from both an academic and practical perspective. At Hogan Lovells, I worked exclusively with the communications group on telecommunications and privacy issues. During my time at Hogan, I assisted in drafting and filing materials with the FCC, researched emerging international telecommunications issues, and researched and wrote about different issues affecting our clients.

The experience I had this summer was invaluable. I had the opportunity to practice in the area of law I am passionate about, and meet other people who share my enthusiasm. The weekly seminars gave me the opportunity to meet some of the most prominent and impressive people in the field. I was able to engage with and ask questions of professionals that I had respected and admired for years. The seminars provided insight into the numerous different avenues to practice in telecommunications and privacy law, and offered a platform to discuss various issues.

Living in DC, I also had the opportunity to attend numerous networking events where I was able to connect with other individuals working in the area and make valuable connections that will shape my future career.

The opportunity I had through Silicon Flatirons this summer was phenomenal. I learned more than I could have ever imagined, made connections that I hope to continue for years, and had an experience I will never forget. I am enthusiastic for, if not slightly jealous of, the students who will embark on this experience in years to come.