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Celebrating twenty years of Law Links is a momentous occasion. To think that 765 young people have passed through this program is truly remarkable; to know the success that many of our interns have experienced is humbling. We're proud to share the following anecdotal "snippets" with you! (Parentheticals denote Law Links worksites.)

John Dailey '08, Baltimore City District Court Commissioner (Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP)

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The Starfish Story

A young man is walking along the beach on which thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along, he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and gently tossing each into the ocean.

The young man asks, "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

"Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them further in, they will die."

"But, old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it! You can't possibly save them all, even if you worked all day, so what difference does it make?"

The old man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and tossed it into the sea. "It made a difference to that one."

~referenced by Sam Tarver

The Man Who Thinks He Can

If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win, but think you can't
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost.

For out in the world we find

Success begins with a fellow's will:

It's all in his state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are:

You've got to think high to rise,

You've got to be sure of yourself before

You'll ever win that prize.

Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man,

But sooner or later the man who wins

Is the one who thinks he can.

~ by Walter D. Wintle

~quoted by the Honorable Emanuel Brown

Like many aspects of life, you get out of Law Links
what you put into it. Your attitude shapes your experience.
We hope it's been a positive one.

Attitude

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.

It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what others think or say or do.

It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way.
We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes.

~by Charles Swindoll

Thank You,

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**Ruth Fry, Firm Administrator, and
Michelle Lipkowitz, Partner, Saul Ewing
talk with students about achieving the
right balance between work and life
outside of work.**



Interns dialogue with Thiru Vignarajah, Chief, Major Investigations of the State's Attorney's Office, about the progress made in criminal investigations over the last four years.



Judge Emanuel Brown meets with interns during their first day of Orientation, and discusses the importance of making positive impressions on people they will meet this summer.

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