

Patent Externship at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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What did I learn?

- The legal statutes of patent processes
- How to thrive in a workplace
- What to expect in working as a Patent Examiner



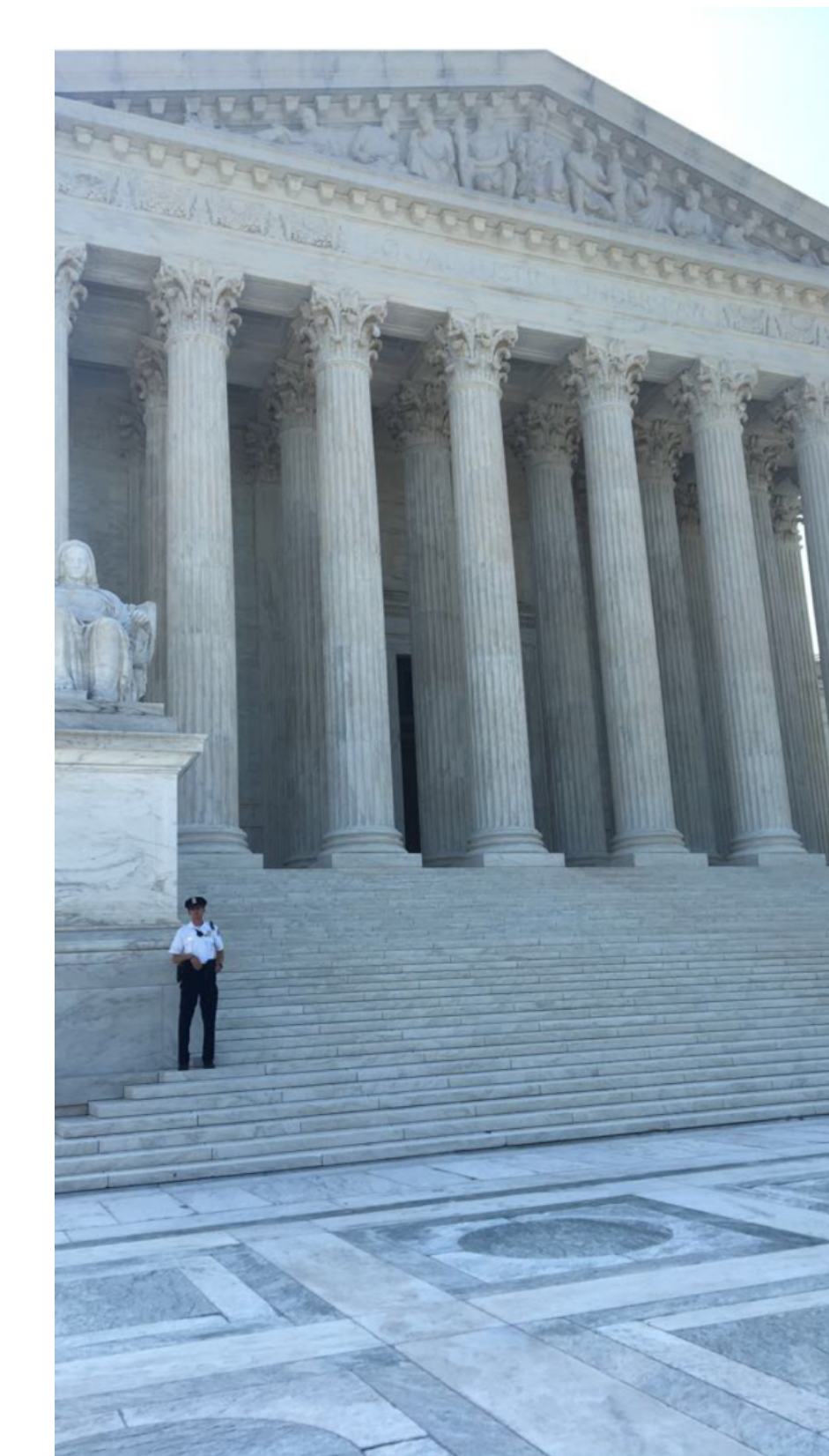
Motivation

- Internship experience for resume
- Forefront of innovation
- Different practical use of engineering
- Possible future career pathway



Project Description

- Position: Patent Extern
- Location: Alexandria, VA
- Timeline: 12 weeks
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Examined patent applications
 - Wrote office actions in response
 - Attended lectures
 - Toured Washington, D.C.



Highlights

- Lecture by Dr. Melissa Bailey from OSU's College of Optometry
- Talk by Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross
- Tour of the Supreme Court and U.S. Capitol
- 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11
- 75th Anniversary of D-Day with restored patented Higgins Boat
- Nationals baseball game

Transformational

- **Academics**
 - New interest in patent law and potentially going to work at a law firm or go to law school
- **Networking**
 - Met other BME students and law students from other universities
 - Worked with variety of supervisors that gave great school/work/life advice



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