I never had a desire to practice law but in my role as CEO of a private practice, I work with lawyers in a variety of settings. I wanted to have a better understanding of Employment Law, Contract Law and Stark Law/Antitrust Law when dealing with staff and physician contracting, terminations, reprimands as well as hiring and recruiting. I can confidently say after completing the program that I understand the legal side of medicine a whole lot more than I did three years ago.

Jocelyn Forehand, M.J. ’18
Chief Executive Officer; Southside OBGYN

I work for the Department of Child Services, servicing abused and neglected children. We have a significant element of legal work in this field. I was looking for a way to stand out in a crowd of credentialed social workers, and a way to contribute to the discussion about how to improve child welfare. The M.J. program has really helped me accomplish that as I’ve quickly become a subject matter expert on child welfare issues.

I got into this program with a very specific, narrow direction, but what has surprised me is how much I have enjoyed all of the work, even in courses that don’t directly apply to my field. I have had the time of my life learning about the law at IU McKinney!

Anna Belle Pfau, ’19
Training Specialist, IU School of Social Work, Child Welfare Education and Training Partnership

Working for Kids’ Voice of Indiana, I was around the legal field every day, but wanted to deepen my understanding of the law in a way that was most beneficial to me and to add some support to my extremely busy staff attorneys. And knowing the impeccable reputation and a few esteemed individuals of IU McKinney, I knew it would be a great experience.

The support and the connections that I have now with my fellow classmates and professors have been invaluable. What I gained both in and out of the classroom through the M.J. program has opened so many doors for me in my career. I enjoyed every second of it!

Eddie L. Rivers, Jr., M.J. ’17
Chief Development Officer, Kids’ Voice of Indiana

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• Torts (4 credits)
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“I wanted to pursue a higher degree that is HR-related. I considered an MBA, but they’re pretty heavily focused on finance. When someone told me about the M.J. program, I instantly knew it was the right option for me. I’ve always been drawn to legal and compliance related issues within HR and found this to be a great opportunity. I don’t want to be a lawyer, but believe a strong background in the law would be an asset to any HR professional.”

Aaron Coleman, ’19
HR Business Partner at the IU School of Medicine

If I had to single out one thing that rises above the rest of the things that I enjoyed, I would have to say it was being in an environment where diversity, ambition, critical thinking and collegiality are all a part of the status quo. I felt very much at home at McKinney and was treated with respect from all faculty, staff and especially the students. I miss it.

Lucy Bickett, M.J. ’18
Administrative Director, Office of Admissions and Student Affairs, IU School of Dentistry

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