

## My Winter Clerkship Experience: Xin Ai

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Our [2021 Winter Clerkship Program](#) brought six law students for an intellectually challenging and professionally gratifying experience. The program normally takes places during the summer, but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearing the end of the program, the students agreed to share a few highlights from their experience at Shutts.

Xin joined us from Washington University School of Law, where she is a member of the Women of Color Law Society and the China Law Society. Her previous experience includes an internship at the Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection for the New York State Office of the Attorney General.

Here is what Xin had to say about her clerkship at Shutts.

### What did you do before coming to Shutts?

Before coming to law school, I went to Syracuse University and studied Philosophy and Political Science. I also went to Strasbourg in France for a summer to explore more about religious law and comparative law. After that, I worked at New York Attorney General's Office as an intern for a half year and then got into Washington University School of Law. I spent my 1L summer at Missouri Commission on Human Rights and externed at Anheuser-Busch InBev's global compliance group for a half year.

### What advice would you give to someone looking for a summer clerkship and succeed in it?

I would recommend them to plan ahead in the job-hunting process, which is competitive and sometimes nerve-racking. Preparing everything ahead is a good strategy for this process, and you will feel more comfortable if you have a solid plan in hand.

### What are your plans after the conclusion of the program?

I plan to enjoy my final semester in law school and take the Florida Bar exam afterward. I am looking forward to becoming a fully-licensed attorney in the near future.

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### What were your expectations and have they been met (or exceeded)?

I was a little bit worried when I started my clerk program because I was unsure how things would work out remotely. It turns out that everyone is so kind and willing to help. I really enjoyed the weekly meetings, which helped me touch base or address any concerns I had. The weekly meetings were also great substitutes for in-person interactions, and I really appreciate Shutts for making this program happen remotely in such a hard time.

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