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A 2019 Levin Center legal intern returns to DC as Counsel for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.



Daina Robinson

10/25/21 - Daina Robinson, a 2020 Wayne State University Law School graduate and member of the Michigan Bar, is beginning a new career chapter at the committee where she served as a Levin Center legal intern in 2019. The U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee has hired Robinson to serve as a legal counsel to assist with its investigations into policy matters. This opportunity allows Robinson to use what she learned from the Levin Center team and her internship in her new role as a congressional investigator.

"I am so grateful that the Levin Center not only equipped me for a career on the Hill, but it is the reason I have my current position as Counsel for the House Committee on Oversight and Reform," shared Robinson when asked about this exciting next step in her career. "The Levin Center introduced me to a realm of law that I didn't know existed until I was a Levin Center legal intern in the summer of 2019. The mentorship and support from the Levin Center's liaisons and Wayne Law faculty involved in the program has been incredible, and transcended the duration of my summer-long clerkship. I look forward to the work the Center will continue to do as it honors the legacy of Senator Levin."

Robinson moved to Washington, D.C. and began her new role earlier this month. Her prior position was staff attorney for Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Kameshia Gant. In the past, she has also worked as a law clerk for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and for Legal Services of South Central Michigan.

Since 2016, the Levin Center has sponsored a summer program to place Wayne law students at congressional committees that conduct bipartisan investigations. The Center then supports the students over the summer with tips on how to provide effective assistance to committee investigations. To date, the Levin Center has placed nearly two dozen Wayne law students in summer legal internships in Washington.

In 2022, for the first time, the Levin Center is also sponsoring a semester-long placement of a law student at a congressional investigative committee in Washington.

Based upon her experience, Robinson recommends a Levin Center placement for anyone at Wayne Law School interested in government oversight and public service. She indicated that it clearly gave her a leg up in her search for employment.

The Levin Center at Wayne Law is named in honor of former U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Michigan's longest-serving U.S. senator who retired after 36 years in the Senate conducting fact-based, bipartisan oversight investigations. The center's mission is to promote high quality oversight in Congress and the 50 state legislatures through oversight workshops, research, events, commentary, and other activities. While the Levin Center is affiliated with Wayne State University Law School, its views do not present the institutional views, if any, of Wayne State University or the Law School.

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