
First Payton Fellow Reflects on Experience

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Harvard Law student Lake Concetta Coreth hoped to spend her summer working at both a law firm and a public interest organization. When she learned about WilmerHale's John A. Payton Summer Associate Fellowship, she knew she had found the right opportunity.

The fellowship—[established by the firm in 2014](#)—offers one law student the chance to spend seven weeks as a summer associate in WilmerHale's New York or Washington DC office, followed by five weeks at the NAACP's [Legal Defense Fund](#) (LDF), all while receiving a summer associate salary. The award furthers the legacy of former [Partner John Payton](#), a renowned civil rights advocate who served as the sixth president of LDF before his death in 2012.

Coreth, who became the first-ever recipient of the Payton Fellowship, recently finished her last week at LDF. She says that her time at WilmerHale provided her with a new sense of her career options. A fact-finding mission for the [Investigations and Criminal Litigation Group](#), which required her to research Argentina's fiscal policy and tax amnesty laws going back more than a decade, particularly broadened her perspective.

Hear WilmerHale's first Payton Fellow, Lake Concetta Coreth, [describe her experience](#).