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Shaping a Career through Legislative Experience

A Gen Z's Perspective



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Ufoma Pretty Oghenetekeuwe, a young and ambitious woman from Delta State, is paving her way into the legal world. As a recent NYSC graduate and an aspiring lawyer, Ufoma has embarked on an important step in her career by joining the PLAC legislative internship. For her, this internship serves as a crucial foundation for her future in law and advocacy, even as she navigates the uncertainties and possibilities ahead.

Ufoma's passion for law has been the driving force behind her decision to pursue the internship. "What motivated me to apply for this internship is my aspiration to become a lawyer," she explained. The legislative nature of the internship piqued her interest because it offers real-world insights into the workings of policy and lawmaking. "This internship is a legislative one, and I see it as a foundation for my career. It will

give me insights into the legislative process and serve as a stepping stone for me."

Fresh out of her NYSC programme in July, Ufoma is just beginning to carve out her career path. Though she doesn't yet have a particular area of focus within the legal field, her approach to the internship is open-minded and filled with curiosity. "I'm just starting my journey," she said. "I don't have a particular sector I'm focused on right now, but I come with an open mind, ready to learn everything." Without much prior experience in the legislative field, Ufoma views this internship as an opportunity to explore all aspects of lawmaking and gain a broad understanding of the legal landscape.

One of the key aspects of the internship that excites Ufoma is the chance to

develop critical professional skills that will help her in both her career and personal life. “I’m eager to learn about networking and meeting like-minded people,” she shared. For Ufoma, the internship covers a range of important skills—from leadership to gaining insight into nationalism. “This internship will definitely contribute to my career in law, as well as my personal development and soft skills.”

While networking, leadership, and public speaking are skills she’s particularly focused on developing, Ufoma is also keen on understanding the legislative process at its core. As an aspiring lawyer, she recognises that having a solid grasp of how laws are made and policies are shaped will be crucial to her future legal career. “I’m focused on understanding the legislative process, which is the core of this internship,” she said. “Since I haven’t fully started my law career, I’m open to everything—learning how policies are formed, how the law works in practice, and where I can grow once I begin my legal career.”

Beyond professional skills, this experience is shaping Ufoma on a personal level as well. Representing the Gen Z generation in the internship, she sees the opportunity to learn from more experienced individuals as an invaluable asset. “I feel like I’m representing the Gen Z generation here, and I get to meet people with more experience, which is a plus for me,” she said. She’s particularly inspired by the lawyers

she interacts with, as they embody the path she aspires to follow. “Even if I don’t end up practicing law, the experiences I gain from networking and listening to others will help me in whatever I choose to do,” she added.

Ufoma’s enthusiasm for learning, combined with her openness to new experiences, highlights her determination to succeed. Although she’s at the beginning of her career, she’s already setting the foundation for future success by absorbing everything the internship has to offer. “I’m learning from them, especially the lawyers, since I aspire to be one,” she shared.

This PLAC legislative internship is more than just a professional stepping stone for Ufoma—it’s an opportunity for personal growth, confidence building, and the chance to define her place in the legal world. As she navigates the challenges of leadership, networking, and understanding the complexities of the legislative process, Ufoma is on her way to becoming a strong advocate, equipped with the tools to make a real difference in her community and beyond.

With her drive, curiosity, and commitment to learning, Ufoma Pretty Oghenetekewe is well on her way to achieving her dreams of becoming a lawyer, with a bright future ahead in law and advocacy.





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