

First TBA Fellows Class Wrap-up

As we conclude our first year with the TBA Fellowship Collaborative, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the growth and success of our first three fellows. Brian Morrissey, Sarah Haberland, and Francis de la Serna joined us as recent law school graduates, and we have had the pleasure of watching them, and their businesses grow throughout the year.

Sarah Haberland and Brian Morrissey have both established law offices in downtown Toledo, and are enjoying being self-employed. Sarah has also taken a part-time position with the public defender's office, and is responsible for Drug Court

lot of sitting around and praying for a client to call or walk through the door, but in reality with the TBA Fellowship, I was able to hit the ground running. Now I'm looking to hire a paralegal so I can get some sleep at night!" Brian Morrissey has also experienced great growth, stating, "over the past year I have been able to be first chair on one trial, and sit second chair on two trials. After attending training sessions through the TBA Fellowship, I have been able to do appeals, landlord-tenant, and domestic relations cases as well."

Francis de la Serna has recently taken a new position as an assistant prosecutor

"Being a young attorney can be a terrifying experience, but being able to talk to experienced attorneys when I had a question was without a doubt the most useful component of the fellowship."

- Brian Morrissey Esq., 2018 Fellow

and Jail Population Review. When asked how their practices have grown, Sarah stated, "I anticipated this year to be a

with the City of Toledo. He echoed his colleagues in praising the training and mentoring received through the TBA Fellowship, adding, "the TBA Fellowship provided tools and resources to effectively practice law and it was a rewarding experience to watch my own practice grow over time."

When asked what the most rewarding aspect of the TBA Fellowship was, all three stated that it was the connection and mentoring they received from fellow TBA members that made this year a success. Sarah Haberland stated, "attorneys would reach out to us about the fellowship just to say 'Congrats' and 'Welcome to the Toledo Bar.' Just



knowing that they cared opened up a door for communication. Since we are new and we certainly have a lot of questions, it was great to know we had a network of experienced individuals who would take our questions and provide the answers we needed."

The TBA Fellowship Collaborative had an amazing first year with these three fellows, and we simply could not have provided the training and mentoring these fellows received without the constant dedication of our TBA members. Thank you for helping us provide an environment for growth and development for these young attorneys. We look forward to watching their careers continue to develop outside of the TBA Fellowship!

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