

## ***Internship Testimonial of Michelle Munyanduki***

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I was fortunate to be afforded an opportunity to be an intern at Dube, Manikai and Hwacha Legal Practitioners and as I share my experience in this testimonial I remain grateful. DMH is highly regarded in the law industry but in as much as it comprises highly qualified and experienced professionals it is also a family unit where mutual support, as I found, is a fundamental aspect to the firm's profound success.

My time at DMH was quite brief but because of the nature of the work environment I managed to capitalise. There was absolutely no special treatment because of my apparent rawness in fact, I had no prior experience or knowledge of the bulk of the work I did. However, the guidelines provided by my supervisor assisted me a great deal. Today I can say I have substantial knowledge and experience in the areas of work I did.

Indeed, being a part of the DMH team taught me to apply my mind and to not make excuses for myself, but to find solutions to problems by extensively exhausting the resources at my disposal. This was mainly a result of receiving a variety of work from various lawyers working in different departments. I surely found it encouraging that I received feedback on my work and this motivated to work harder. At the end of the day, the assortment of work, feedback and appreciation made me enjoy my work.

I drafted various legal opinions, reviewed contracts, drafted letters of demand, summons, declarations and pleas. In addition, I did research on various topics such as the legal requirements for the setting up of money transfer businesses and the financial information shareholders are entitled to. My research skills have since improved and I believe I have gained an unfair advantage over my colleagues.

The experience I had at DMH led to growth in my academics and my personality. Gaining this experience actually made me realise the importance of experience in this profession because at the end of the day there is only so much I can learn from theoretical work at university. It may have been a challenging task but it was definitely one of the most fulfilling experiences yet.