

Spotlight on Our Summer Associates

Anthony Shannon UConn School of Law

“Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher.” – Japanese Proverb

One individual, if he or she takes the time to listen, advise and encourage, can change the course of a person’s career and life. Most of us can look back and pinpoint a teacher, a coach, a boss or a colleague that had a hand in guiding our paths. For Anthony Shannon, that person was an unlikely mentor in the legal department at Hamilton Sundstrand.

Anthony went to college at North Carolina A&T State University, majoring in computer engineering. Each summer he interned at Hamilton Sundstrand and eventually went on to be chosen as one of only six college students to participate in the UTC IT Leadership Program. His career in computer engineering was on a fast track to success, but Anthony wanted more.

While at Hamilton Sundstrand, Anthony met George Romanik, an IP attorney who had also gone to school for engineering before deciding to pursue a career in IP law. This planted a seed for Anthony, who was trying to identify a career that would not only utilize his technical expertise but would provide an opportunity for client interaction and counseling.



As the Community Service Chair of UCONN’s Black Law Student Association, Anthony organizes many events with Connecticut schools. Here he poses with two future litigators after a youth mock trial at Granville Academy in Waterbury, CT.

He kept in touch with George for advice and guidance, and by his junior year he had decided to pursue law school after graduation.

Having a strong mentor made a difference in Anthony’s career, and he pays it forward tenfold. Among many other things, he is the past president of the local student executive board of Inroads – an organization with a mission to “develop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership.” He coaches intercity youth baseball and is currently mentoring a high school student with an interest in law at Great Path Academy magnet school.

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