

Journalism Practicum Diary # 6

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Supervisor's name: JoAnn Goslin

Agency/Station/Company Office: Bloomberg Law

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My two main objectives for this week were to re-pitch my original enterprise story idea that I had at the beginning of this internship and to get it approved so that I can get started on it!

I achieved these objectives: Yes No Partially

Explain how you achieved or why you did not achieve your goals. Be specific.

I was able to re-pitch my idea to my editor and share it with the rest of the privacy & data security desk at our weekly team meeting after working it through a little more with my mentor. My editor approved it and commented on the good job I did on making it more applicable to the beat. My mentor, Dan will be helping me over the next few weeks of my internship to get it reported and written, and we decided that we would co-byline it.

Describe the work you personally performed and observed.

This week I wrote, "UnityPoint Health Settles Suit Over Breach Affecting 1.4 Million," and "EU Privacy Watchdog Unveils Four-Year Data Protection Strategy."

List the names and titles/positions of all the people you directly worked with this week.

This week I worked with my mentor, Dan Stoller, who I co-bylined on my editors John Hughes and Keith Perine, and my internship supervisor JoAnn Goslin.

Describe any new skills or concepts you learned or important observations (about yourself or others) you made this week.

This week, I learned the important skill of successfully re-pitching a story idea, after getting feedback from my mentor and supervisor.

Describe any significant experiences, achievements, "aha" moments and/ or roadblocks you had this week.

This week I realized the importance of paying attention to the numbers, especially in lawsuits. This came into play when writing my article "UnityPoint Health Settles Suit Over Breach Affecting 1.4 Million," which had multiple very large settlement numbers, whose summations

weren't included in the lawsuit. So myself, my mentor and a few editors each had to go through and triple check our math to ensure we were reaching the correct total.