Illinois Bankers Association, Government Relations Internship

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General description of agency: Since 1891, financial institutions throughout Illinois have looked to the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) as their primary resource for information, education, government representation, and supporting products and services. The IBA is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry. The IBA represents more than 1,700 banks and branches throughout Illinois, and it is the only banking trade association in the state that represents financial institutions of all sizes. Membership includes community banks, regional banks, holding companies, savings banks, trust companies, and organizations that serve the banking industry. The IBA has two offices: one just blocks from the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield and the other in the heart of Chicago’s financial district. More information about the IBA can be found at: www.ilbanker.com

IBA’s mission is to:
Enhance state and federal laws that benefit all Illinois bankers. Provide quality professional development programs to Illinois bankers. Offer value-added products and services to Illinois bankers. Communicate ongoing industry developments to Illinois bankers. Promote the positive role of Illinois bankers to the general public. Foster the growth and success of Illinois’ financial services industry.

Job Description: Among the duties the intern will be asked to perform or assist with are:

- **Legislative** – Track legislation and assist in the compilation of legislative position papers and other informational materials for the Government Relations Department. Attend and report on committee hearings, floor session, and other meetings as requested. Assist with legislative reporting to IBA membership as requested.
- **Contact Banker Program** – Work extensively to enhance this vital grassroots program and to match bankers with specific state and federal elected officials.
- **State Legislative Forum** – Assist as directed with this annual lobby day which brings approximately 100 bankers from throughout Illinois to Springfield to meet with their elected officials.

Qualifications:
- **Confidentiality** – Intern must take great care to preserve the sensitive and confidential nature of information and other materials to which he or she may exposed during the course of his or her work for the IBA.
- **Communications Skills** – Intern must be sufficiently poised and confident in his or her oral and written communications skills to interact successfully with upper-echelon bankers and with elected officials.
- **Adaptability** – Intern must be able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment and be able to change thought processes to match often unexpected developments in the legislative arena.
- **Demeanor** – Intern must maintain highly professional conduct at all times. Honesty is essential. Dress is at least corporate casual.

Hours per week: 10 – 20
Number of weeks: 16
Position Available: Spring only

Unpaid

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