Caitlin Holzem is a recent recipient of one of three scholarships University League provided the Law School this semester. Caitlin graduated from UW-Madison in Political Science with a minor in East Asian Studies. She is the oldest of three children; her two younger brothers are in High School and Middle School. Her oldest brother was adopted from Korea. Caitlin is from Neenah, Wisconsin and graduated from Neenah High School. While in High School she was involved in Track and the Debate Team. Following graduation, Caitlin studied at UW-Green Bay for one year, and then transferred to UW-Madison to complete her degree.

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Caitlin’s area of interest is Civil Litigation. She now works at the Consumer Law Clinic which helps low income individuals and families, whom she helps deal with issues like payday lending, used car fraud, and foreclosures. Each Tuesday there is a Foreclosure clinic where Caitlin assists people at the Dane County Courthouse with their foreclosure cases.

Prior to starting Law School, Caitlin spent an entire summer in Taiwan. Her favorite activity there was Mandarin and Chinese Painting. She had a wonderful experience in Taiwan. She loved the amazing food, the great weather and learned so much. Prior to that trip, she also visited Korea where her brother was born, and toured Japan.

Caitlin’s role model is Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who is the second woman to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, and is currently age 81. Caitlin enjoys her well-written opinions, and finds her good sense of humor very amusing. Even in her 80’s, Ruth uses Twitter and social media. Ruth has always been a strong advocate for gender equality. Caitlin reads her opinions often and finds her writing to be very poetic. Caitlin says, “Ruth is amazing for her age. Even at 81, she works out every morning with a personal trainer at 5 AM. She even does push-ups!”

Caitlin’s dream job would be to work for the United States Federal Government. She is particularly interested in working for the Federal Trade Commission or in the area of Trade Protection.

Spare time is non-existent when you are in law school, however, if there is a spare moment, Caitlin loves to play ultimate frisbee with the UW-Madison Law School Team. She also enjoys cooking. She was a vegetarian for a long time, however, with the realities of Law School, she has not had time to plan and prepare meals that are totally vegan. She now eats turkey and...
chicken, no red meat. Caitlin joked that sandwiches are fast, easy prep. “Some days I don’t have
time to prepare a large meal from scratch”. Caitlin’s favorite dishes include Curry Mushroom
Soup and Scallops served in a white wine sauce. They both sound delicious!

Caitlin is the first in her family to attend school beyond a Bachelor’s degree. She is following in
her Mom’s footsteps as a Badger. Her Mom went to UW-Madison and graduated with a degree
in Elementary Education. As Caitlin was completing her Political Science degree, she fell in
love with Madison and decided to continue with school and to obtain her J.D. in Law. Her
favorite place on campus is Picnic Point, followed by the Memorial Union Terrace.

The University League scholarship has been very helpful. The scholarship helped to fund
Caitlin’s Law books for this semester as well as for study aids needed for her Fall finals. Caitlin
says a big “thank you” to the League for this wonderful scholarship.