

## Helen Formoso-Murias: Back for Round Two

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We recently spoke with **Helen Formoso-Murias**, a second-year summer associate in our Charlotte, NC office, about her time with the firm last year and what drew her back for a second round.

**Q: What was your favorite part about last year's summer associate program?**

**A:** The team in the Charlotte office is exceptional. I received substantive work, training, and felt immediately welcomed. The networking opportunities within the firm are also excellent. Some highlights from last summer include a trip to the New York office, attending the Next Gen Inclusion Network event, and visiting the headquarters in Dallas for the firm's annual summer associate presentation. [Raquel Alvarenga](#), [Vera Suarez](#), and [Sharon Jones](#) are among the attorneys and leaders I met in Dallas whose experiences at the firm affirmed my decision to return for a second summer. The open and inclusive culture at Haynes Boone makes it easy to feel integrated.

**Q: Who was a good mentor to you at Haynes Boone, and why were they a good mentor?**

**A:** Holly Loftis, one of the Charlotte Finance Partners, has been a phenomenal mentor. Holly brought me to a client pitch and invited me to a Women in Fund Finance panel she was moderating. She introduced me to the world of Fund Finance and really made me feel part of the team.

**Q: What are you looking forward to in this coming year's program?**

**A:** I look forward to building on the foundation set last summer and another year of legal studies to take on more work and learn as much as possible.

**Q: What are you hoping to do after law school?**

**A:** After law school, I hope to return to the firm as an associate at Haynes Boone's growing Charlotte office and contribute to the firm's continued success.