LINDSEY DOORNBOS, 2010 GRADUATE



After finishing my undergraduate degree at Trinity Christian College, I wanted to do more but was unsure which path to take. Very interested in law school, I decided to pursue a paralegal education, in order to gain a closer look at the legal field. I chose Roosevelt University's Paralegal Studies Program, because of its ABA approval, in addition to the program's great reputation and convenient location. My fondest memory of my experience in the program was getting my first paper back from an instructor and being horrified by all the red ink; however, she reassured me that it was a first assignment and we would have time to make it up! I, without question, enjoyed her class - it was a challenging and positive learning experience. And she was right, I did improve! My first position as a paralegal was at Swanson, Martin, & Bell LLP. I gained the position after interning there during my time at Roosevelt. The internship put my foot in the door and I am still employed there working in asbestos litigation. I am the general paralegal serving as back-up for all other paralegals in the department. I have a broad spectrum of duties that include maintaining dockets, document production, performing legal research. My best advice to new students: participate in the internship program! The benefits are gaining hands-on experience in a competitive market and networking. Besides enjoying what I do, I have regular hours, benefits and a job located in the city. I plan to go to grad school, eventually, but right now I am enjoying being a Paralegal which allows me the flexibility and resources to enjoy the things I love to do in my personal life – I am a part of a sketchbook project with the Art-House Co-Op, doing fabric designs with many other artists showcased across the country.