

My Tax Consulting Internship Journey

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During my two-month internship at WTS, I had the valuable opportunity to engage in tax advisory work from the perspective of the client side, which allowed me to gain firsthand insights into the operational logic and professional standards of the industry. This experience not only enhanced my practical skill set but also deepened my understanding of the essence of consulting services. Below are some key takeaways from my time at WTS:

In terms of daily responsibilities, I assisted colleagues with a variety of tasks, ranging from fundamental assignments—such as drafting reports, organizing materials, updating files, and translating documents—to more intellectually demanding work, including policy research, client inquiry responses, and case analysis. When receiving assignments from different team members, I made it a habit to clearly document task requirements, prioritize accordingly, and communicate proactively throughout the process. I also emphasized incorporating feedback and revising deliverables to ensure a complete and effective workflow.

Broadly speaking, my work can be categorized into foundational tasks and research-oriented assignments. Notably, I never viewed the foundational work as mere "menial chores." On the contrary, I believe that these seemingly simple tasks are integral to developing professional competence. A solid grasp of basic skills, logical structure, and workflow habits is essential for long-term efficiency and eventual breakthroughs in capability. Meanwhile, engaging in detailed analysis of complex tax matters helped me refine my ability to deconstruct problems and construct systematic analytical frameworks. I came to appreciate that, in a field as dynamic as taxation, continuous learning and structured thinking are key to staying current and agile.

The working atmosphere at WTS also left a strong impression on me. The team fosters an open, egalitarian, and pragmatic communication style, which contributes to an efficient and collegial environment. Compared to the rigid hierarchy often found in large organizations, I found WTS to be refreshingly collaborative, with an emphasis on mutual respect and professional trust. Additionally, the predominantly English-speaking work environment gave me the opportunity to enhance my fluency in business English and sharpen my ability to articulate tax-related matters in both Chinese and English.

In conclusion, this internship has been an invaluable learning journey that laid a solid foundation for my future pursuit of a career in international taxation. The professional training and intellectual stimulation I received will serve as a cornerstone in my ongoing development. I am deeply grateful to the WTS team for their patient guidance and trust, and I sincerely wish the firm continued success and excellence in the field of tax advisory.

