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Teens Get Experience in Summer Legal Intern Program

Two members of the Pinellas County Teen Court were among nine high school students chosen for the Clearwater Bar Association's first Summer Legal Intern Program (SLIP).

At right, Teen Court Member Melissa Marchman tells attendees at a Bar luncheon about her experiences as an intern in the office of Court Clerk Ken Burke.

Bar Foundaion President Greg Showers (to Melissa's left) said she, fellow Teen Court Member Blair Gutterez and seven other youths were selected from 43 applicants for the initial program. Blair interned in the Clearwater chambers of Judge Michael Andrews.

The successful applicants were paid \$7 an hour for their work in law offices, the clerk's office



and the chambers of Judges Andrews and James Pierce.

Susan Demers, who joined Showers as co-chair of the program, said the goal of SLIP was to provide students with a valuable work experience and a mentor relationship while furthering their understanding of the legal system.