I am a member of Ohio Northern Law’s 2010 graduating class. I am originally from Albany, New York, and am currently licensed to practice law in New York and New Jersey. After graduation, I moved back to the Albany area. I currently work at a civil litigation firm in Albany, New York that specializes in both medical malpractice and products liability defense.

You may be wondering why I chose to go all the way to Ohio for law school when I am from New York and, as you can see, I went back there to practice law following graduation. During my senior year of college I applied to about fifteen different schools, most of the schools were in New York and the surrounding Northeastern states, with the exception of a few schools, including Ohio Northern. After applying to Ohio Northern, I was contacted by the Dean of Admissions who told me that while the school was interested in me based on my résumé and experiences, they were concerned with my LSAT score and the potential that it was indicative of my ability to later pass the bar exam. The Dean informed me that the school had a special summer program for students like me – “great GPA, active in the community, but less than stellar LSAT score” – and asked if I would be interested in coming to Ohio Northern for an interview.

After already visiting several other schools, from the moment I arrived at Ohio Northern, I knew it was a perfect fit. Not only were the faculty and staff enthusiastic when interviewing me, I was impressed by the students I spoke with, who sold me on all of the positive things that they promised to me if I chose to study law at Ohio Northern.

I cannot thank Ohio Northern enough for how well prepared I was to take both the New York and New Jersey Bar exams at the time of graduation. Ohio Northern’s faculty not only prepares students to pass their states bar exams, but provides students with opportunities to obtain real legal experience before graduating. While attending Ohio Northern I was able to take hands-on classes, including a class that teaches you how to prepare a trial from start to finish. I also earned credits towards my degree by providing legal services to my own set of clients while interning with Ohio Northern’s Legal Clinic.

Ohio Northern provided me with a set of invaluable tools. When I began working at my current firm I was more than well prepared to take on the many tasks that are asked of young lawyers, including legal research and writing and the discovery phase of litigation. I can honestly say that by taking certain skills classes and by interning at the Ohio Northern Legal Clinic, I was more than well prepared to excel at my firm as a new attorney.

I have now been at my firm for almost a year and a half. As part of my work, I have a large responsibility of advocating on behalf of doctors, who are often wrongfully sued by patient’s who are not satisfied with the outcome of a surgery or procedure, despite their awareness of such risks. Medical malpractice is a very exciting and specialized field that requires precision and accuracy in order to help innocent doctors, who are being sued. I am grateful for how well Ohio Northern Prepared me for entering into the actual practice of law.

I would recommend Ohio Northern to anyone. No matter where you choose to practice law after graduation, you are guaranteed to receive an education that prepares you for success.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kuryluk, Esq.