



Wallace Chen **Law School Student, Academic Competition Coach**

Wallace Chen is a Doctor of Jurisprudence candidate at a top law school and a former competitive debater from Houston, TX. Chen also serves as a legal studies notetaker, where he is able to not only extract the most relevant information from lectures but also synthesize the data into a comprehensive document for first-year Torts and Civil Procedure students.

Chen, of Taiwanese descent, is considered skilled in legal data analytics. As an intern for DLA Piper, a global law firm known for arbitrating tough cases concerning corporate finance and government affairs, Wallace used his skills in collecting, interpreting, and

analyzing legal data to benefit environmental, social, and governance (ESG) concerns. He plans to continue his education to specialize in corporate litigation.

Chen is most proud of his involvement at SpiderSmart Learning Center. This private organization has been supporting the education of students and the training of high-level debaters from middle school and beyond for years. As the Director of Debate, working part-time at SpiderSmart, Chen has played a major role in revolutionizing the company's programming, taking it from a local initiative to a nationally ranked debate powerhouse.

Legal Intern and Collegiate Notetake

Wallace Chen obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Government, with a Minor in Sociology, from the University of Texas at Austin. This path of study is typical for students looking to move into careers in politics, foreign affairs, or within the executive government branch. But, Chen has used this undergraduate degree as a starting point for understanding legal and political systems. He is currently a J.D. student at a premier law school, where he has received the Chancellor's Law Scholarship and the Dean's Leadership Award.

In 2023, Wallace was employed as a Corporate Data Analytics Intern for DLA Piper LLP. In this role, he analyzed over 1,000 SEC filings and evaluated ESG benchmarks for Fortune 500 companies. Through his work for the global firm, Chen identified over 500 risk factors in the technology sector and used analytical software to compile corresponding data points, which improved the company's risk assessment processes for its clients.

Wallace also acts as a professional notetaker, providing a critical service to law students who cannot attend class or who are unable to take notes for various reasons, as well as LL.M. students at his school who struggle with understanding the fast-paced English being spoken in class. His note-taking and critical thinking skills allow him to quickly evaluate information and determine what should be written down.

Professional Debate Consultant

Since 2018, Wallace Chen has been a Competitive Debate and Ethics Bowl Consultant, serving private clients by administering his own debate training regimen. His techniques for researching and developing strong arguments, along with coaching students on structuring and presenting those arguments, were seminal in guiding one of his students

to a 20-1 record and securing the national championship in the 2019 NSDA Middle School tournament.

During the 2022 Texas middle school state championship, Chen cultivated his highly specialized debate coaching techniques, which led to his clients' flawless 10-0 record. He is also credited with training a newly formed high school debate team that went on to score a perfect 6-0 record in the 2022 National Ethics Bowl, defeating the former 5-time Connecticut state champions.

Chen was formerly the Director of Debate Teams for the SpiderSmart Learning Center in Sugar Land, TX. Here, he is tasked with providing winning material for debate teams, such as compiling research dossiers regarding such topics as domestic/foreign policy, economics, and philosophy. He is credited with revolutionizing the company's rebate program and implementing strategies that have slashed administrative costs by over 50%. He accomplished this by streamlining logistics and communications with parents and optimizing tournament registration processes.

Personal Life

Wallace Chen has been an active volunteer in his community for years and served as President of his high school's Rotary Interact Club in the greater Houston area for four years. Chen is a passionate collector of Pokémon cards, a hobby he started early in life. Some of Chen's most prized Pokémon cards are extremely valuable due to either their vintage status or rarity. Within the Pokémon trading community, he advocates for an appreciation of the artistic design of the cards rather than obsessing over value.

Chen is also an avid gamer, with achievements in both popular and Indie games. He has notable achievements in Dislyte, Halo Infinite, Zenonia 4, Auto Arena, and more. However, Wallace does not adhere to a sedentary gaming life. He is also a bodybuilder who uses science-based lifting and nutrition methods to optimize his fitness program. He competes in a wide array of team sports, including intramural soccer and pickup volleyball or basketball at the local gymnasium.

Chen is proud to have served as the President of his high school's Mandarin Club. He is also passionate about Asian American representation.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

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Tennessee, United States

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Director of Debate Teams

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Sugar Land, Texas, United States

EDUCATION

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Texas, United States

LANGUAGES

English (Native)