

Dear Guy & Karen Vidal,

When the opportunity of the internship was presented to our architectural studies department at the University of Missouri I took interest in Design Vidal's style and scope immediately. I was job hunting at the time and became discouraged with the monotonous commercial business', wanting something more out of the box. When I saw Design Vidal's modern, yet colorful website (and that they were located in Los Angeles) I applied for the internship within the hour.

Moving to a new city over 1800 miles away from home is something I was prepared to take on since sixteen. Although, however prepared a person the transition is still difficult. The Vidal's made it much easier with their welcoming attitude and general hospitality.

Commencing work with Karen was a whirlwind of knowledge. I was finally experiencing the statement 'work is nothing like school'. The internship held so much variety in responsibility I learned a little bit of everything: how to execute drawings for cabinet makers and contractors, to approach potential and current clients, to measure and document spaces, and how to take responsibility coordinating tenant's maintenance needs. I also coordinated with plumbers, electricians, awning representatives, general contractors, architects, cabinet makers, painters, tile companies and installers, etc.

My eight week internship was concluding when Karen and I were at a clients house going over the kitchen layout. The next step was about to be taken in the design process and we were looking at images of lighting fixtures and remodeled kitchens. Karen expressed, "I have one concern, and that is that I feel your kitchen is turning into something too commonplace. Something that everyone has." I had a revelation. After going 100mph, hammering out one task at a time, her statement shocked me. The layout was functionally working; I hadn't looked up from my code dimensions long enough to notice the mundanity. But Karen did. Lesson number 547: know when to slow down and look at the big picture.

The eight week internship opportunity has relocated me to L.A., and I am now a full time employee with Design Vidal. Fortunately, throughout the summer I have worked on five bathrooms and kitchens, giving me a confident skill set to tackle the near-future remodel of Design Vidal's next apartment complex project.

Sincerely,
Hannah Greene