Equity, Inclusion and Wellness (EIW) - We are pleased to announce that Iman Snobar has joined DOJ as the Equity, Inclusion & Wellness Intern. Iman comes to us as a pre-law student attending UChicago as a double major in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Human Rights. Iman is passionate about human and civil rights efforts, politics, and advocacy, and has experience with DEI efforts. Iman is on the Committee of Marginalized Student Affairs, a Maroon Mentor for fellow First Generation and Low-Income Students, as well as the Executive Editor of the UChicago Law Magazine which will be releasing their first edition this upcoming Fall/Winter. Welcome, Iman!

Angela and Iman will be embarking on an Equity Tour this summer to engage DOJ employees who work from locations outside of Risser Justice Center (RJC). The purpose is to get a feel for DOJ culture outside of RJC so we can make comprehensive choices related to applying equity principles, so all employees have a sense of belonging.

Angela is working with key folks throughout DOJ to implement agency-wide programming for Affinity Groups, Peer Support, and Safe Space Discussions.

Bureau of Computing Services (BCS) - Ethan Adams has left DOJ for an exciting opportunity to take his career to the next level. Ethan worked at DOJ for over seven years and was proud to be part of many efforts that have improved the DOJ IT Environment.

Ali Jerger has also left DOJ to pursue a great opportunity educating the next generation of IT people. Alli has built so many great relationships across the department.

Ethan's and Alli's talents and expertise will be greatly missed. While a tremendous loss for DOJ, both are wonderful opportunities for them to pursue. We wish them well on their new adventures.

New DCI Office

The Brookfield DCI office provided us the opportunity to rethink and redesign the DCI location architecture and come up with a standard to which all other DCI offices and to a certain degree, all remote sites, will follow. We are removing the need for routers at the network edge and are replacing them with multifunctional security devices which will better protect our information and resources. With the Fortigate firewalls, we were able to implement software-defined wide-access-network or SDWAN. SDWAN allows the DOJ to leverage both primary and standby circuits simultaneously, increasing the available bandwidth into and out of each site. It allows us to steer traffic based on application or use-case across either the faster, more-secure fiber path or slightly slower, less secure internet connection where available. Utilizing this technology, we can improve performance and security while lowering the complexity and cost of supporting and maintaining the network infrastructure in that office.

Up and Coming

There is a new look coming to the DOJ website. The redesign team is comprised of people across the department who have been diligently working on the new website to:

1. Make it easier for people to use and locate information
2. Improve security and features by keeping the software behind the website current

Thank you to everyone for their work on this effort. We will be sharing progress as we get closer to releasing the new look to DOJ for review.