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Update 1:

I have been serving with the Public Law Center for over three weeks now. I am honored to serve in the Health Care Advocacy Unit. In this capacity we assist clients seeking assistance with health care advocacy, access to health care, medical billing disputes, and legal issues surrounding health care matters. I have served both in the PLC office with client intakes and phone calls, as well as in clinic with clients directly. I have already done research and writing projects, drafted a memo, and am working on several cases. So honored and grateful to be serving with the Public Law Center and to be an EJA Fellow! Thank you!

Update 2:

I am honored to be a law clerk at the Public Law Center here in Santa Ana, California. As a law clerk in the Health Law Unit, I have had the opportunity to attend clinics and meet/speak with clients directly regarding their cases. I have been able to support our Health Law Unit team in legal research, legal writing, and client phone calls/meetings. I am currently working on several cases and have a few broad research projects as well. Thank you to EJA for supporting my efforts here at the Public Law Center.

Update 3:

My work as a law clerk in the Health Law Unit for the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, California has been going extremely well. It is such a joy to help our clients with all sorts of legal matters pertaining to Health Law. PLC also has a number of other units such as: Immigration, Housing, Consumer, and several others. Most recently I helped clients by drafting legal letters pertaining to medical billing issues as well as bills which fall outside of the state statute of limitations for bill collecting. It has been a pleasure to help clients facing these needs and to be an advocate for them. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve in this way!



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Update 4:

I am having an amazing experience working with the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, California. Some of the items I have been working on include the following:

Researched and drafted memos regarding current laws on a minor's and a parent's rights to medical records; worked directly on legal letters for clients in order to access their health care benefits/access to health care; wrote letters in order to advocate for clients whose medical bills are outside of the statute of limitations and advocated on their behalf.

I also researched cases/laws and wrote a memo regarding possible gender discrimination in regards to denial of medical services/surgery.

I have been working directly on over 15 cases throughout the summer.

I also work directly with clients in person at PLC's clinics and through phone calls, emails, and text messages in order to communicate, gather information, keep clients informed of their cases, and collect additional information.

In addition, I take several intakes for clients.

I also speak with clients and refer them to other services if needed via phone call and email. PLC has also offered a number of trainings which have been most helpful. Thank you for this amazing opportunity to serve!

Update 5:

Working at the Public Law Center was an incredible experience. I learned so much and was honored to have hands on experience working with clients. PLC had many clinics that I was able to attend and participate in. I was provided with interesting assignments ranging from researching, drafting memos, client intakes, client interviews, and drafting legal letters. I also participated in many trainings and meetings held at PLC. In addition, the Public Law Center hosted events for us to attend and provided opportunities to meet attorneys and staff. It was also a pleasure getting to know the other law clerks. PLC also arranged for us to attend court one day at the Court of Appeals. It was so interesting watching the cases that were being heard and listening to the lawyers and judges. We were able to stay after the oral arguments and speak with the judges as well.



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I particularly loved working with the clients and being able to help those in need. I have a passion to advocate for those who are struggling for access to health care and other services. PLC does an amazing job offering legal services to those in need.

This experience was truly a wonderful learning experience. The reason I went back to law school was to have a career in public interest in which I can help people gain access to legal services and to help those in need. I feel that the hands-on experience I gained from PLC will help shape my future legal career. I also was able to learn about the other units at PLC such as the Housing unit, Consumer unit, Family unit, Domestic Violence legal services, and Immigration unit. In addition, I was given many projects that enabled me to grow my legal skills. These assignments included interviewing clients, speaking with clients about their cases, drafting letters, writing memos, and doing legal research. I also attended many trainings and online events hosted by PLC and other organizations. All in all, I had an amazing experience at the Public Law Center, and I am so grateful to EJA for helping to pave the way for so many to have a career in public interest law.