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Update 1:

I am excited to share that I am working with Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center as a law clerk this summer! Levitt Quinn offers Los Angeles residents free and low-cost legal services and representation, primarily in family law cases.

Previously working at a Self-Help Center has provided me a great foundation and understanding of the challenges litigants and non-English speakers face within the family law court system. I am looking forward to working with Levitt Quinn's team this summer in a different capacity, where clients would receive comprehensive legal advice and representation. Within my first few days, I have already observed my first family law hearing in the LA Superior Court at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, drafted a child support request for a US veteran, and drafted a judgment for an adoption case.

I am also honored to be an Equal Justice America (EJA) Fellow. EJA sponsors law students in their pursuit of public interest work.

Update 2:

As some of you may know, I am working as a Law Clerk at Levitt Quinn Family Center this summer. I have just finished up week 5 and have already learned so much about litigation, marital property division, and stepparent adoptions. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to continue learning and working alongside these great attorneys.

Update 3:

As I have previously shared, I am completing a clerkship with Levitt Quinn Family Law Center this summer. Just last week Levitt Quinn, in collaboration with the Jenese Center, hosted the United



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for Families Clinic where community members received free consultations on their immigration, family law, and guardianship matters. I assisted in advising three clients going through contentious divorces from their abusive partners. It was a privilege to help the clients and see them walk out with more confidence about the next step in their cases. These types of experiences reinforce the need for continued funding to public interest events and organizations that provide legal information and advice to individuals. I am thankful I have gotten the opportunity to contribute, even in a small way, to making justice more accessible.

Update 4:

As some of you may know, I have been working as a Law Clerk at Levitt Quinn Family Center this summer. I have just finished up week 9. This week I was able to observe a court hearing with minor's counsel and see the back and forth that is required to come to a stipulation that works for both parties while also saving the Court's time and resources.

Update 5:

As some of you may know, I am working as a Law Clerk at Levitt Quinn Family Center this summer. Through my summer clerkship at Levitt Quinn, I learned what factors attorneys consider when assessing a case and giving legal advice. I also learned what it means to be an effective attorney. An effective attorney is a good listener, asks questions, is compassionate but firm, and is honest with clients about their cases. My summer clerkship was a pivotal experience that exposed me to the complexities of family law cases and equipped me with the necessary tools to work with challenging clients. Working at Levitt Quinn was significant because it showed me how working with families going through challenging situations is valuable work and something I plan to continue working on as an attorney.