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Update 1: 🌟 Exciting Announcement! 🌟

I am excited to announce that I will be joining the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) as an Equal Justice Fellow and Legal Intern this summer. As the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization, MALDEF has played a pivotal role in advancing the rights of Latinos across the United States!

I look forward to contributing to their steadfast efforts in upholding constitutional rights and advocating for justice and equality. Working alongside dedicated professionals at MALDEF, I am eager to support litigation and advocacy that continue to drive reforms and inspire new laws and policies, benefiting the Latino community and the nation. 🌟

Update 2: As an Equal Justice America Fellow interning with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), I had the privilege of attending the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association's 2024 Public Policy Forum.

The forum's purpose is to amplify the voices of farmworker families through advocacy, championing access to comprehensive, quality early care, education, and other resources to build inclusive communities and ensure the lifelong success of children and families.

I was honored to hear from panelists representing prestigious organizations such as UNIDOS, the Migrant Legal Action Program, and MALDEF. Their insights and dedication to this vital cause were truly inspiring.



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Update 3: Last week, I had the pleasure of attending a congressional briefing hosted by the Voting Rights Caucus. I was inspired by Congressman Marc Veasey's discussion on the importance of educating the public about voter suppression tactics, which disproportionately affect low-income populations and communities of color. His emphasis on protecting traditionally disenfranchised voters resonated deeply with me. I'm excited to join this vital effort and make a difference!

Update 4: As my internship comes to an end, I reflect on the invaluable experiences I've gained and the profound impact it has had on my understanding of issues affecting the Latino community. From researching voting rights to writing legal memos on federal discrimination cases, this journey has deepened my commitment to advocacy and justice. Grateful for the opportunities and looking forward to continuing this important work!

Update 5: As I wrap up my first law school internship, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported me along this journey.

First and foremost, thank you to the Equal Justice America team for their unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation of public interest lawyers. Your support has been invaluable, and I am honored to be part of this incredible program.

Secondly, a huge thank you to the MALDEF team, Andrea Senteno and Ellen Findley, for welcoming me as a summer intern. The experience has been nothing short of transformative, providing me with the opportunity to engage in meaningful work that aligns with my passion for social justice and advocacy.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the mentors, colleagues, and friends who have been there for me every step of the way. Your encouragement and guidance have made this experience all the more rewarding.

As I move forward, I carry the lessons I've learned and the relationships I've built with me, eager to continue this path of making a difference through the law. I'm excited to share my educational milestone!