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Final Reflection:

This summer, I had the privilege of interning with the Family Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. When I first joined, I knew I would be doing meaningful work, but I could not have imagined the depth of the experiences I would carry with me at the end of these ten weeks.

Family law is uniquely human—it asks you to sit with people at some of the most vulnerable points in their lives and fight for their safety, stability, and dignity. I worked with clients navigating domestic violence, divorce, custody disputes, poverty, just to name a few. Each story was different, but what struck me most was the courage of the clients who trusted us with their truths, even when the legal system had often felt like another obstacle instead of a resource.

Much of my work this summer involved helping prepare legal documents and supporting attorneys in court proceedings. While on paper these tasks could look routine, I came to understand just how significant they are in practice. A motion, an affidavit, or a court order is never just a piece of paper—it can be the difference between instability and safety, between uncertainty and relief. Over and over, I saw how even seemingly small legal victories can translate into profound changes in a client's daily life.

The work was not without its challenges. Family law often operates under urgent deadlines, and clients are often carrying heavy emotional burdens. Balancing empathy with advocacy, and urgency with accuracy, was a skill I had to develop quickly. I learned the importance of meeting clients where they are, listening deeply, and making sure they understood the process—because legal advocacy is most powerful when it empowers the person at the center of the case.

One of the highlights of this internship was being surrounded by the attorneys in the Family Law Unit. Their dedication, brilliance, and compassion set a standard I aspire to in my own career. Watching them advocate fiercely in court while also taking the time to mentor me, reaffirmed my desire to pursue family law after graduation.



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This summer confirmed for me that I want to build a career serving clients who might otherwise face the legal system alone. The experience left me with not just legal skills, but a deeper understanding of why equal access to justice matters. I am leaving GBLS with gratitude for the clients who trusted me, admiration for the attorneys who inspired me, and excitement for the path ahead.