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Final Reflection:

As the summer winds down, I am excited to share one final #EJAFellowUpdate about my experience working as a litigation assistant with the Boston University Civil Litigation and Justice Program.

This summer, I have had the opportunity to assist with around a dozen cases spanning housing, employment, family, disability, consumer, and civil-rights law. I spent much of my time on landlord-tenant disputes, which gave me valuable insight into an important area of law.

One of the highlights of this summer was drafting an opposition to a motion to dismiss our tenant-client's counterclaims and watching my supervising attorney argue the motion in court. Our team also successfully avoided our client from being added as a co-defendant in another pending action. In a different case, our team successfully negotiated a settlement this summer between a tenant and landlord. This agreement was fair for both sides and helped the parties avoid costly litigation. I learned a great deal about how to communicate with our client and with opposing counsel, and I had the opportunity to draft the settlement agreement.

These small successes give our clients hope and perseverance while navigating mentally and emotionally draining disputes. I feel fulfilled knowing that I was able to help in a small way while being able to learn how to apply my legal research and writing skills in real cases. As a future attorney, I hope to bring the understanding and perspective that I have gained this summer into all my work.



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At its center, litigation is human-centered and often means helping people in some of the most challenging times in their lives. I am grateful for having had the chance to play a small role in advocating for our clients in these challenges. When I think back to the beginning of the summer, I remember struggling to simply write an effective email to opposing counsel. Since then, I've grown more confident in my legal writing, better at seeing the bigger picture of the litigation process, and more efficient in how I approach research and strategy.

I'm incredibly thankful to Equal Justice America for helping make this experience possible. If you believe in expanding access to civil legal services, I encourage you to consider donating to EJA.