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Final Reflection:

Over the course of this internship, I've come to better understand how structural issues in the criminal legal system are challenged not only through courtroom advocacy, but also through persistent, strategic research and litigation support. Working with the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice, I've had the chance to explore the real-world implications of doctrines I'd only studied in theory, whether through research into constitutional protections for incarcerated individuals awaiting mental health treatment, or into procedural strategies for securing preliminary relief in fast-moving, high-stakes class actions.

Much of my work has been behind the scenes, but it's deepened my appreciation for the thoughtfulness and rigor that goes into every stage of public interest litigation. I've also learned how urgent the work can be, especially when our clients' basic rights and well-being are so often determined by bureaucratic discretion or systemic neglect.

This experience has reinforced my commitment to legal advocacy that challenges institutional harms, while also giving me a clearer picture of what it means to work toward justice from within the system. I'm leaving with a deeper sense of clarity about the kind of lawyer I hope to become.