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Final Reflection:

This week I will wrap up my internship at North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services, Inc.. What an incredible experience to conclude my last summer as a law student! I am so grateful for the experience. This was more than just an internship; it taught me valuable lessons, as well. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to assist these incredible attorneys with various projects which allowed me to exercise my legal skills and apply them in a practical way. For example, I conducted legal research about updated case law, utilized my skills to summarize the law, and created explanations of the law that anyone could understand, legal education or not. Tasks like this kept me grounded in the realization that everyone does not have the privilege to attend law school and our justice system is not accessible to all. This reality makes NCPLS and their work super important because it gives disenfranchised and marginalized people in our prison system access to legal assistance.

In addition, NCPLS helps people in jails and prisons across the entire state including legal deserts! Forty-five out of one hundred counties in our state have less than one lawyer per one thousand residents. Therefore, public interest work, including NCPLS's work, is vital to making sure that everyone across the state has equal access to legal aid.

I gained invaluable insight into the day-to-day tasks of an attorney. The team at NCPLS was so supportive and I truly appreciate their guidance! While the realities of public interest work include very little wins and a lot of disappointments, this internship has solidified my desire for public interest legal work. My passion for the law has strengthened considerably.



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This experience taught me the irreplaceable value of public interest work, and I hope to transport all of the skills that I learned with NCPLS into my budding legal career. I am so excited to see where my journey takes me next! This indispensable experience would not have been possible without Equal Justice America, NC IOLTA, and Elon University School of Law.