



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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Final Reflection: My summer at Greater Boston Legal Services was everything I could have hoped for and more. I received incredible mentorship from the advocates in the ELU and got to contribute substantially to cases in every issue area the ELU addresses. Before this internship, I had only worked in settings providing brief legal services, but at GBLS I got to see several cases through from initial client interviews to filing. I now feel more confident than ever that I want to pursue employment law as a career.

One of the highlights of my summer was working on two sexual harassment and gender discrimination cases. I worked closely with these clients and was constantly impressed by their courage and honored to help them speak out and fight for justice. The day my client's Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination case was filed was one of the proudest moments of this summer.

Another high point of my internship was an unemployment case I got at the very end of the summer. The client had applied for unemployment insurance (UI) months earlier but had not heard back from the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA). He was facing severe financial hardship as a result. One of my supervising attorneys contacted DUA to accelerate his case, and I assisted the client with filling out a quit issue questionnaire. His UI benefits were approved the next day without needing to appeal. I am so grateful to have been able to help this client get his benefits approved. The turnaround for legal aid work isn't always this quick, but I'm often struck by how far just a little legal assistance can go.

Working at GBLS helped me realize my passion for fighting for workers' rights and left me even more energized to pursue a career in public interest law. I am endlessly grateful to EJA for their support this summer.