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Final Reflection:

This Summer was definitely not what I expected to happen. I very much so believed that I would simply be running back and forth from the courthouse and doing all the odd little jobs that the Attorney's did not want to do.

I was extremely grateful that I was wrong, and that I was actually able to get lots of hands-on experience with law and clients.

Through this experience, I had my very first client! I was able to work with clients on Wills, Power of Attorneys, Healthcare Power of Attorneys, and Expungements. I was excited to learn how to talk with clients and learned one of the most important questions is "Why?". I enjoyed being there for the clients and allowing them the freedom to express what they needed and wanted from me.

This summer I also did many research assignments, both small and large. Many of my smaller quick turn around assignments revolved around Housing Law, specifically the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act. I will forever have § 55.1-1202 stuck in my head. This act was also the heart of our Mock Trial as the Law Clerks were representing a faux housing case that had a faulty notice.

These smaller assignments really taught me how to work effectively and quickly in writing and research while also providing useful information to attorneys and clients. It was also fun being able to see how housing law worked in my personal life as I also rent an apartment in Virginia, so I fall under this Act as well.



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When it came to family law assignments, they tended to be larger and broader. I focused on equitable distribution under Virginia law for one of my assignments, trying to best figure out how this specific client could receive more from the marital estate and how this could be applied in future issues as well.

For Guardianships, I was able to both make templates and use the templates I created to draft Guardianship documents for the Attorneys.

Overall, this summer was incredibly rewarding and an amazing experience. I gained experience in the law, with clients, and learned how much public interest law means and how important it is.