



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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Reflection:

As my summer internship with Rising for Justice comes to a close, I'm reflecting on an incredible few months of learning, advocacy, and growth. I had the privilege of working alongside some of the most dedicated and passionate people I've ever met—attorneys, fellow interns, and staff who are deeply committed to protecting the rights and dignity of every client who walks through the door.

One of the most meaningful moments of my summer came while representing a single mother who was facing an unjust anti-stalking petition. The legal system can be a confusing and intimidating place for many, especially for those without access to resources or support. Standing up for her was not only about legal representation; it was about restoring a sense of safety and fairness in her life.

After weeks of preparation, research, and building her case, the day in court finally arrived. We fought hard and won. The petition was dismissed. Watching the weight lift from her shoulders and knowing we had helped her reclaim her peace was a moment I'll never forget.

This experience affirmed the power of legal advocacy and why organizations like Rising for Justice are so critical. I've come away from this summer not only with sharpened skills and a deeper understanding of public interest law but with a renewed commitment to using my voice to stand with those who are often unheard.

Thank you to everyone at Rising for Justice who made this summer so meaningful. I'm inspired by your work and grateful to have been a small part of it.