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#### Final Reflection:

Hi everyone, here is my final update from my time at the Legal Aid of North Carolina this summer. This summer has been such a wonderful opportunity to continue to grow in my legal knowledge as well as my ability to work directly with clients. As I reflect on my time at LANC, I feel particularly grateful for all the mentorship I was able to receive this summer. Every attorney at the Legal Aid of North Carolina went so out of their way to make sure I was getting learning opportunities, whether that was allowing me to take the first shot at drafting a motion or letting me call and lead negotiations with opposing counsel, they always provided opportunities for growth. It was so amazing to work with people who are so passionate about their job and who have the shared goal of increasing equal access to justice for all. Legal aids play such a vital role in our justice system and making sure that the right outcome is reached, regardless of socioeconomic status. I saw firsthand this summer what a large impact LANC was able to have on the local Raleigh community. My favorite part of this internship was getting the chance to speak directly with clients. So many of the clients at LANC have such amazing life stories, and it is always a privilege to get to listen to them and help advocate on their behalf. Some of my favorite moments this summer come from getting to tell a client that they are going to get a domestic violence protective order or that they are no longer getting evicted. These moments can be life altering for clients and it is powerful to be even a small part of what helps make these outcomes happen. This summer has been a wonderful experience, and it continues to affirm that I want to pursue a career dedicated to public interest law after I graduate, particularly at a legal aid organization. I am so appreciative to Equal Justice America for providing the funding to help make this summer financially possible.