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Final Reflection:

Words cannot express how much I learned this summer at Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network. I developed a passion for working with formerly and currently incarcerated individuals and helping them navigate potential First Amendment violations and voting rights issues.

I was able to bring several of my direct advocacy assignments to completion. These issues involved book banning and access to the law library inside the facilities. I spoke with my clients over the summer, gathering facts and information for their affidavits, and doing policy and legal research for the issues.

I wrote two legal memos for the 4th and 5th Circuit that covered federal prison policy, federal claims, federal case law, state prison policy, claims, and case law for each state in the respective circuits. This was my first experience authoring memorandums that intensive and complex, and I am grateful for the opportunity to strengthen my citation and research skills while working on these 80-100 page memos. I also recorded videos that step through each section of the memo, explaining the policy and case law, for individuals and their loved ones to reference.

I also learned about an entirely new area of law to me, voting rights law, while working on Know Your Rights Voting Guides for South Carolina, Texas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Each guide required me to not only do a deep dive into the state's election laws, but also recent executive orders, policy changes, case law, and legislative developments. These guides serve as a resource for system impacted people who are trying to navigate their voting rights at the pre-trial and post-conviction stages.

This placement helped me discover the passion I have for constitutional law and prisoners' rights, and I am excited to pursue more opportunities in these fields!