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Final Reflection:

This summer, I had the pleasure of interning at MetroWest Legal Services in the Family law unit. I was able to have several different types of experiences at this internship, including attending court, participating in client meetings, drafting motions and memoranda for the court, and preparing internal documents for the family law team.

I was able to attend several different types of court hearings. This included restraining order renewal and modification hearings, child custody modification hearings, and pre-trial conferences for divorces. As an intern, my role in these hearings was to help the attorneys prepare for the hearings by writing memos, briefs, and pre-trial memoranda. I also sat in on calls and meetings with clients to help prepare them for court. I attended the court hearings and helped the attorneys with anything they needed at the courthouse. Some of the most meaningful hearings I attended were restraining order hearings. I felt very lucky to have clients confide in me with their stories and allow me to help them draft their affidavits. It was rewarding to see my work being read by the judges and entered into the record. It was also very rewarding to see our clients achieve their goals and advocate for themselves to protect themselves and their families. These were also some of the most difficult hearings for me to attend. It was devastating for the client, attorney, and myself when a restraining order extension hearing did not go our way. I learned about vicarious trauma through this experience and leaned heavily on my coworkers to help me process what happened.

I feel that I contributed a lot to MetroWest this summer. I know my supervising attorney and the other attorneys in the family unit appreciated my work greatly. They especially appreciated that I updated their private attorney referral list, and that I was always up to try something new. I really appreciated that my supervising attorney made sure I got what I wanted out of the experience and gave me lots of opportunities to go to court and improve my legal



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writing. While I don't think family law is an area of the law I see myself pursuing past this internship, I am glad I got so much face time in different types of courts and that I was able to get feedback on my ability to write concise and clear motions, briefs, and objective memos. Overall, I was very satisfied with the experience I had at MetroWest and I'm very grateful to have had the funding to make the internship possible.