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Final Reflection:

As I start my first day of 2L, I would like to reflect on my exciting and challenging summer at the Civil Rights Litigation Initiative. When I started in May, I remember feeling excited but nervous for the journey ahead. Although I had completed my first year of law school, I cannot say I felt prepared to handle cases as a student attorney. However, as the summer progressed, I began to feel more and more comfortable.

First, I worked on a variety of research assignments spanning from constitutional to administrative law in a lawsuit against the Trump administration. Although I was faced with many unfamiliar legal issues, my team and I were able to answer complex legal questions after various discussions and research. Second, I worked on a civil rights case that is in ongoing discovery. This case has been extremely rewarding and challenging as the entire summer was filled with important discovery deadlines. Third, I worked on an ongoing project that empowers Washtenaw County residents to amend their racially restrictive covenant. While many may assume the city of Ann Arbor is progressive, I was surprised to learn that many properties in the city, and Washtenaw County as a whole, still have racially restrictive covenants. I worked on updating a toolkit that streamlines the process for amending racially restrictive covenants. Finally, I worked on making sure a local island would follow through in making their island accessible to those with disabilities by providing accommodations.

I am excited to continue being a student attorney at the CRLI clinic through the fall semester. This has been an invaluable learning experience that would be impossible to gain from a traditional class. More generally, I look forward to all the hurdles and challenges that I will



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encounter through my second year of law school. Thank you to Equal Justice America for funding my experience through the summer. Their contributions make these opportunities possible to those who may not otherwise be able to afford it. If you would like to support their mission in empowering public interest students, feel free to contribute.