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Final Reflection:

As my time at the Housing Justice Project wraps up, I want to thank all of the attorneys and mentors there who took the time to guide me and make me feel included in the important work they do in our community. I have truly valued my time at HJP, and I feel grateful to have learned as much as I did. I had the opportunity to learn their process from beginning to end, including client intakes, spotting legal issues, researching, drafting motions and trial briefs, appealing cases, and drafting an opening appellate brief. I also learned about negotiation and settlement strategies and ways to help post-judgment tenants, many of whom had had default judgments entered against them.

Housing justice goes to the root of many systemic issues that marginalized communities face in our communities. With housing costs rising astronomically and the average income falling way behind the increasing rent, many are not able to afford rent and get evicted. After being evicted, people lose their housing subsidies, are separated from their children, and have an extremely difficult time securing new housing, especially with a past eviction on their record. Many people have no choice but to live on the streets after being evicted. With poverty rates being disproportionately higher amongst racial minorities, people of color are much more likely to be subject to this vicious cycle of eviction and resulting homelessness.

Equal Justice America made it possible for me to contribute to Housing Justice Project's mission this summer, and they are doing the same for many other law students across the country. If you want to support the work that Equal Justice America does, please consider donating.