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Update 1:

My first month at Greater Boston Legal Services has been a great learning experience. I've spent a lot of time getting familiar with my clients' cases and learning how family law matters move through the court system. Because GBLS takes a client-centered approach, my work focuses on helping clients pursue their goals while navigating the legal requirements of the process.

Most of my assignments so far have involved divorce cases, including work on restraining orders, answers and counterclaims, and drafting motions. Nearly every task has introduced me to something new, which has made the experience both challenging and rewarding. This role has also given me a deeper appreciation for the important work that legal aid organizations do to help people access legal representation and support.

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I am also thankful for the support of Boston University School of Law as I continue gaining helpful skills for my future career!

Update 2:

During the last couple weeks at GBLS, I have begun to understand my role at the organization and increased my efficiency both in moving forward my cases and in advancing my learning. Employing and emulating the skills I have observed of other zealous advocates at the organization has been a particularly fruitful learning experience as of late. I am continually impressed with my colleagues, and I hope to grow into an attorney of similar gusto and skill.



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Legal aid organizations like GBLS make it possible for people facing legal challenges to have skilled representation, regardless of their ability to pay.

Update 3:

My fifth and sixth weeks at Greater Boston Legal Services have included lots of time in the court clerk's office on Suffolk County Family and Probate Court matters and lots of client interaction. I have gained practical skills in the workings of the court system through the former while gaining fulfillment and inspiration from the latter.

Survivors of domestic violence come from a variety of backgrounds, familial situations, and income-levels. All of the survivors I work with, however, share an ability to persevere and to ask for help when they need it. We all stand to learn something from them, and it has been an honor experiencing that firsthand.

Final Reflection:

EJA made my summer possible. I was assigned three cases, three women who survived domestic abuse, three different sets of unique issues, concerns, and goals. I learned hard skills, but the true lessons were the soft ones. Empathizing with clients, while balancing professionalism and keeping in line with my professional morals is paramount. Driving my cases forward even in the face of clients stretched too thin, a slow system, and few resources was a worthy challenge this summer. I am honored to have worked at Greater Boston Legal Services and to have been able to do so because of the direct support of EJA.