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Update 1: Today marked the start of my summer internship with Greater Boston Legal Services, in the Immigration Law Unit! I'm excited to spend the summer deepening my commitment to immigrant rights advocacy, learning from talented attorneys, and gaining hands-on experience. Looking forward to a meaningful and rewarding summer ahead!

Update 2: It has been a few weeks since I started my internship with the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, and I have already had the opportunity to work on a wide range of cases.

One especially meaningful project I have begun is my first U visa case. A U visa is a form of immigration relief for survivors of certain crimes who were willing to assist law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of that crime.

In addition to casework, I have helped clients apply for their Green Cards, participated in various trainings, interpreted for Spanish-speaking clients, and continued to learn so much from the attorneys, staff, and clients at GBLS. This experience has deepened my understanding of trauma-informed lawyering and shown me how public interest advocates creatively navigate complex systems and pursue meaningful solutions for their clients.

Update 3: This week, we secured a bond hearing victory for a client who had been in immigration detention. We then partnered with BIJAN, a local organization that works with Beyond Bond Boston, to help raise the funds needed to post the bond. As a result, our client is expected to be released this week.



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Having the opportunity to see a detention case through has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of this internship so far.

Final Reflection: Combining my 4th & 5th update to give you my final update! Friday was officially my last day in the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services this summer, and I'm taking a moment to reflect on my experience.

GBLS provides free legal assistance and representation to hundreds of residents across Boston. This summer, I had the privilege of working on a range of immigration cases, including U-visa petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile status, asylum claims, and adjustments of status.

One of the biggest challenges was tackling complex legal questions in a field that is constantly and rapidly changing. We were constantly keeping up with new executive actions, shifting policies, and BIA decisions. In addition, many of our clients face deeply intersectional issues, and doing this work means confronting the realities of racism, xenophobia, and systemic barriers.

This is what made the small victories so impactful. Some are noted in my previous reflections. Even just watching a case move forward or receiving a receipt notice can change the trajectory of someone's life. Those are the moments that make it all worth it!

One experience that stands out is visiting Horizons for Homeless Children in Roxbury to consult with Haitian families who recently had their Temporary Protected Status terminated. The Horizons center and staff are truly incredible. We were there to explore other options and pathways for them. It was especially meaningful to step into the community I've only recently moved into and serve it directly.

More than any single case, I will carry with me the example set by my supervisor, Aly Madan. I want to thank her for her guidance and kindness these past few weeks. Not only in the care she puts into her clients' cases, but also in the way she looks after her colleagues and interns, making sure we take care of ourselves while working through difficult issues.