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This summer the Equal Justice America Fellowship supported me throughout my internship at American Civil Liberties Union Racial Justice Program (ACLU RJP). This fellowship enabled me to build upon my experiences working alongside disparately impacted communities, on litigation, defending against attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion, as I continue to pursue a public interest law career.

The ACLU RJP fights to eradicate racial injustice in the United States and foster a society where people of color and communities of color have full access to the rights and benefits of American society. Over the summer, I conducted caselaw research, wrote various legal memos, and reviewed the legislative history of state statutes. I primarily worked on legal research for *OUTMemphis v. Skrmetti* and supported the team as they submitted the appellee brief to the Sixth Circuit. I also worked on research regarding state attacks on DEI and Indigenous rights. One highlight of this summer includes attending oral arguments for *Chen v. Mamdani* at the District Court for the Southern District of New York and witnessing co-counsels from the City, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and LatinoJustice PRLDEF argue to maintain the expansion of the Discovery Program that sought to remedy barriers in access to the City's selective public schools. Another highlight of this summer was working alongside various units at the ACLU and co-counsel organizations on different cases. I witnessed the importance of rapid and organized national scale responses by the ACLU, which is in part possible due to collaboration with the ACLU state affiliates and subject area expert organizations. Furthermore, it was very exciting to be in the office when the *Pernell v. Lamb* decision came in from the Eleventh Circuit striking down Florida's Stop W.O.K.E. Act which prohibited educators from discussing topics related to race and gender in the classroom. The joy and cheers in the office were contagious, as this litigation has been ongoing for years. Finally, my summer experience would not have been the same without the kind and supportive attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, and co-interns, who



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I learned so much from. Leaving this internship, I feel incredibly inspired by the very tangible impact that ACLU RJP has on communities and the many intelligent and compassionate people fighting to make the world a more equitable place.

I look forward to continuing to gain knowledge and experience in direct legal services and impact litigation and contribute to organizations ensuring equitable access to representation. Thank you for this opportunity to receive the Summer Equal Justice America Legal Services Fellowship.