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Update 1: I have been interning with the National Immigration Project for over two weeks now - and it's been a great experience so far. I've worked on a couple of different projects such as: policy memo review, research on family-based particular social group asylum claims, research to support an amicus brief, writing a comment to a DHS notice, and research on attorney's fees for petitions for review. It's been busy but fulfilling. My supervisor also invited me to sit in several of her meetings - case strategy, litigation planning, and legal research updates. Finally, I also participated in a court observation training. My supervisor is planning for us to do an in-person court observation in the coming weeks. Thank you, EJA, for supporting my work in fighting for immigrant rights.

Update 2: My main project for this week is preparing a comment to a DHS notice regarding proposed revisions to the AR-11 Change of Address form to USCIS. We are urging DHS to not push through with these proposed revisions because they will disproportionately impact noncitizens and immigrants of mixed-status families. In addition, I completed a short-term project where I tracked pending habeas petitions to the Eighth Circuit.

Update 3: I've been with NIP for a little over a month and it's been a great learning experience so far. I'm currently working on a Motion to Reopen for a client in removal proceedings. I'll be able to learn more about written advocacy, which will definitely be useful for my career as a future immigration attorney.

Update 4: I completed a draft motion to remand for our client who is awaiting a decision on his cancellation of removal case - we were able to discover additional hardship that may be able to



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change the outcome of his case. In addition, I completed cite-checking projects for our upcoming practice advisories on TPS and asylum - one of them had over 200 citations 🙌 It was still so fun though, I get to learn something new every day.

Final Reflection: I had the privilege of spending ten weeks with the National Immigration Project (NIP) where I worked on cases throughout different departments. My initial assignments involved tracking Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) policy memoranda and transcribing interviews for a report on Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) cases. I then worked on several research assignments for appellate briefs and practice advisories. Through my research process, I learned so much about bias within the EOIR, updates in asylum law, the requirements for receiving attorney's fees through the Equal Access to Justice Act, and proper venue when amending a complaint.

During this time, I handled both short- and long-term assignments. Some short-term ones were cite checking for briefs and practice advisories on asylum pretermission and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and drafting a special power of attorney for a client in detention. My long-term assignments were to draft a comment to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) proposal to amend a change of address form (it has been submitted and made available to the public), sort habeas cases for a practitioner's database, track pending habeas petitions in the Fifth and Eighth Circuits, and write a motion for remand for a client in removal proceedings.

The scholarship award helped me immensely. Since this internship is unpaid, I would not have been able to commit to a full-time, 10-week schedule without funding. I am grateful to EJA and everyone else involved in the public interest scholarship process. Know that through this funding, we were able to help clients in detention, immigration law practitioners, pro se habeas petitioners, parties filing appeals in various circuit courts, and NIP as a whole. Thank you again and I hope to work with you in the future.