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Update 1: The first few weeks at my internship have been extremely rewarding. I have had the opportunity to get a lot of hands-on litigation experience in court by helping pro se litigants facing consumer debt collection proceedings through NYLAG's Volunteer Lawyer For a Day Program. I have also been learning a lot about consumer protection laws generally related to student loans, bankruptcy, foreclosures, sewer service, and auto loans. I am grateful to have had such a positive experience so far and am very excited to see what other opportunities the rest of the summer will bring!

Update 2: I have been learning a lot at my time at NYLAG so far. Last week, I even had the opportunity to go on the record for the first at Staten Island Civil Court to make an oral application on behalf of a client who needed more time to prepare his answer to a motion for summary judgment in a consumer debt collection case. This internship has been equal parts rewarding and challenging, but I'm grateful to be getting so much hands-on litigation experience that I wouldn't be able to elsewhere.

Update 3: I had the pleasure of making my second oral argument of my summer internship experience on the record at Queens Civil Court this week with NYLAG. I could not be more grateful for my experience with NYLAG so far, I feel that I have gained priceless experience in oral advocacy and hands-on litigation. It has also be endlessly rewarding to be able to assist low-income New Yorkers with their consumer debt collection lawsuits.

Update 4: I have now completed my summer internship with NYLAG Consumer Protection Unit. It has been an extremely rewarding summer getting to help out low-income New Yorkers fight lawsuits against predatory debt collectors. Can't wait to return to this work in the Spring semester as an extern!



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Final Reflection: My summer at New York Legal Assistance Group's Consumer Protection Unit has been an extremely rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to help many pro se litigants facing consumer debt collection proceedings navigate their cases, and I have even had the chance to advocate on litigants' behalf to the court. I have learned so much about advocacy in the court room and hands-on litigation skills, I could not be more grateful for this experience, and I don't think I could have had the same opportunities elsewhere. In addition to my time spent in the court room, I completed several drafting assignments including briefs, answers, motions to dismiss, stipulations, and more. I am very much looking forward to returning to this valuable work this spring as an extern!