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Update 1: My first two weeks at the Constitutional Accountability Center have been highly informative. After meeting my coworkers and receiving my first assignment, I spent a week at The Legal Academy, an orientation program that taught skills such as declaration drafting, movement lawyering, and client interviewing. I learned a great deal that I am now ready to apply in my work. I'm excited now to return to CAC and support the team in representing a client in direct litigation.

Update 2: I've continued my work at the Constitutional Accountability Center, where I'm focusing on preparing for the Supreme Court's next term in the wake of the major decisions handed down at the end of June. We're thinking about what the impact of these cases will be in ordinary people's lives and what avenues remain available for vindicating civil rights, especially of the most economically disadvantaged Americans. I've been writing memos and researching legal issues, which has taught me a lot about new areas of the law.

Update 3: I have had the opportunity to draft a portion of an amicus brief in a civil-rights case that will be argued next Term at the Supreme Court. I am working closely with the organization's attorneys and developing valuable skills that I expect will make me a more capable civil rights litigator in the future. I have also had the chance to meet with colleagues over lunch and discuss public-interest career paths, and I am learning about new opportunities that I had not previously been aware of.

Update 4: I'm continuing to learn from mentors and supervisors at CAC. As I'm approaching the close of my internship, I've had the opportunity to sit in on litigation strategy meetings, draft a portion of an amicus brief, and contribute to cases aimed at securing greater civil-rights



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protections for everyday Americans. I feel that I've had the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in my employer's work, and I'm excited for the remaining few weeks.

Final Reflection: My summer at the Constitutional Accountability Center has been an invaluable introduction to public-interest appellate litigation and to the work of advancing civil-rights protections through the courts. I began the summer by meeting the CAC team and spending a week at a training session, where I developed practical skills in declaration drafting, movement lawyering, and client interviewing. That training gave me a foundation that I was able to apply as I returned to CAC and began taking on substantive legal work.

Over the course of the summer, I had the opportunity to work on a wide range of legal issues and to see how research and writing contribute to ongoing litigation. In the weeks following the Supreme Court's end-of-Term decisions, I researched questions concerning the implications of those cases and the avenues that remain available for protecting civil rights, particularly for economically disadvantaged Americans. I also conducted research in new areas of law and learned how to approach unfamiliar questions with the rigor that appellate litigation requires. One of the highlights of my summer was drafting a portion of an amicus brief in a civil-rights case that will be argued before the Supreme Court next Term. Working closely with CAC's attorneys taught me a great deal about developing legal arguments, writing for an appellate audience, and translating careful research into advocacy.

Just as valuable was the opportunity to observe the broader process of litigation. I sat in on litigation strategy meetings and saw how attorneys think through the legal and practical consequences of different approaches to a case. I also benefited from conversations with colleagues about public-interest careers and from the guidance and feedback of my supervisors and mentors. These experiences gave me a much clearer understanding of what a career in civil-rights litigation can look like and introduced me to paths and opportunities I had not previously considered.

I am especially grateful to the people at CAC who made the summer such a rewarding experience. My colleagues were generous with their time, invested in my development, and gave me opportunities to contribute to work with real consequences for people's rights. I leave CAC with stronger research and writing skills, a deeper understanding of appellate advocacy, and a greater appreciation for the work required to turn constitutional principles into effective legal arguments. I am excited to carry what I have learned this summer into the next stages of my legal education and career.