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### Summer Experience

This summer I worked as a law clerk for the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative. The work that I have done and contributed to at this organization has been extremely invigorating and fulfilling. I have aided in drafting a power of attorney document to help terminate a guardianship for a young woman who was in pursuit of regaining her independence. I have also drafted letters and memos to aid in the opposition to bills proposed in the state of Michigan that, if enacted as laws, would contribute to voter suppression in the state and drastically impact older adults and people with disabilities in a negative manner. I have also researched and drafted documents that will be used to help individuals who are suffering as a result of the shortage of direct care workers for home health care.

The work that I have done this summer has been extremely rewarding and confirmed my desire and passion to use my expanding legal knowledge to help others. Working with older adults and people with disabilities this summer has increased my knowledge of the various issues that directly impact these populations. I have come to realize that this is a very unique population that is all too often not taken into consideration when public policies and other decisions are being made. Serving as an advocate for older adults and people with disabilities this summer has shown me how crucial this work is and how much of an influence it can have on peoples' everyday lives. I am also immensely grateful for the support that Equal Justice America provides to students, such as myself, to aid in the positive and important work that organizations such as the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative are doing.

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