

An internship at FLS requires you to prove your commitment to low-income individuals with extra days and hours inside and outside of the office. The legal problems facing FLS clients will require as much mental capacity as you can give them. However, you will never regret a moment of it. Besides having a wonderful time doing outreach, I worked on a number projects in the office that provided truly great experience. Those projects allowed me to work on cutting-edge issues, tough problems, and cases that really made a difference.

While one of the FLS attorneys was in the middle of adversary proceedings in a bankruptcy case, pursuing unpaid wages for clients, the Supreme Court decided *Stern v. Marshall*. It was unclear exactly what affect the decision would have on the case, so I was asked to analyze it and write a memo. I had come to FLS imagining work in older statutes with precedential interpretations like the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Agricultural Workers Protection Act. With no other court interpretations available, I got to analyze each section of the case and decide how they might affect our clients' proceedings. This was exciting and definitely on the very edge of new issues in bankruptcy law.

Another case required never-ending research which turned into an analysis and synthesis of numerous state and federal cases and some Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This research culminated in the drafting of a motion to dismiss. The experience gave me the opportunity to wade through what amounted to a chaotic web of court precedent and transform it into a clear and concise message for the attorney.

Finally, the work was meaningful. The cases I worked on made a real difference whether it was helping someone who was being charged with fraud in an unemployment case, doing research on minimum wage violations, or going to camps and letting people know that assistance was available. This allowed me to get through tough problems and approach the work with a positive attitude.