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Working with Farmworker Legal Services this summer enhanced my knowledge of the law as well as other aspects. I appreciated the structure of the internship at FLS. Not only was I able to work on legal projects and get exposure to legal issues but I also was able to get out and visit migrant workers at their places of residence. In my first year of law school I read a lot of cases, many of which that were at the appellate stages of litigation. It was great to come and work for FLS and see how the law affects individuals on a daily basis in the beginning stages. I enjoyed trying to find legal arguments and solutions for problems faced by the farmworkers. Learning how to apply the law for migrant farmworkers was challenging and gratifying. I felt lucky to so easily have access to good attorneys who mentored and made information readily available.

Farmworkers are an underrepresented population and it was very satisfying to be able to help them use the law to their advantage. More often than not migrant farmworkers did not know the law and the outreaches conducted by FLS serve not only as issue spotting visits for those migrants with legal problems but also as information sessions so that migrant farmworkers will know their rights for future purposes. It made me realize the great need for the law and helping people understand it.

I was able to work on a variety of topics of learn the day to day operations of what lawyers do that help migrant farmworkers. The experience deepened my understanding and enthusiasm of the profession. I was able to meet clients one on one, help new clients understand the law, represent clients, assist clients draft letters and complaints on topics of unemployment and field sanitation, and work in many other various capacities assisting migrant farmworkers and visa holders. I would highly recommend an internship at FLS to any law student. The staff at FLS is well equipped to mentor law students to become successful professionals.