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This summer, I was the online outreach intern for the National Women's Law Center. While I had always supported the Center's causes, my interest was piqued as a result of their vibrant presence on Facebook and Twitter. Luckily, I was given the great opportunity to contribute to their work.

My day to day job included updating the twitter feed, sitting in on tweetchats, helping with the Facebook page, and tweaking the webpage. It was at the Center where I really learned the importance of filtering complex messaging about Supreme Court decisions and lengthy legislative language into easily digestible bits and pieces for a wider audience. In addition to this, I sat in on meetings where the Law Center's lawyers and policy experts filled us in on happenings in the courts and on the Hill. Policy experts expounded on childcare policy, military sexual assault, no co-pay birth control, equal pay, a higher minimum wage, and social security and I was able to learn about issues I had very little prior knowledge of. Through the summer, I started my own projects of intra-office news clippings to inform the employees on stories that have to do with the Center's work and also kickstarted the Center's presence on Tumblr. A few times a week, I was able to write blog posts on subjects such as the [Women's Economic Plan](#) and the [Texas anti-abortion bill](#).

Outside of the office, I was able to go to the Hill on several occasions. One particularly cool experience was when I went to the Senate building for Lobby Day to inform Senators and their staff of the importance of a fair living wage for women and their families. It was incredibly exciting to be able to talk to legislators about issues I am incredibly passionate about. At Lobby Day and at several other events on the Hill, I was able to meet some of my personal heroes including Nancy Pelosi, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Duckworth, and Joaquin Castro.

My experience at the National Women's Law Center was truly fulfilling and only increased my passion for fighting for the rights of underprivileged women in the US. I can't wait to see where my passion takes me next summer