Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Organization: Advocates for Justice

Week of June 15th

This summer, I was generously selected as an <u>Equal Justice America</u> fellow in support of my public interest work with <u>Advocates for Justice</u>, a New York City-based organization that provides pro bono legal representation in the areas of employment law, education law, and housing law. I am almost a month in to my internship, where I've primarily been working on employment discrimination cases and researching local election law. It's an amazing experience so far!

Part of my fellowship includes raising funds for EJA to support legal services for those most in need. If you're able, please consider donating or sharing this link to others who can.

Week of July 6th

As I shared a few weeks ago, I was selected as an <u>Equal Justice America</u> fellow in support of my public interest work with <u>Advocates for Justice</u>, a New York City-based organization that provides pro bono legal representation in the areas of employment and education law. I have had wonderful opportunities to work closely with clients on their anti-discrimination cases at all stages of litigation and research relevant and dynamic areas of election law.

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Week of July 27th

I am nearly at the end of my summer internship – thank you to Equal Justice America for their continued support! I continue to have truly meaningful opportunities to work closely with clients on public interest cases at all stages of litigation through my internship with Advocates for Justice. I recently was able to see a summary judgment motion through from start to finish and have had awesome opportunities to participate in virtual hearings involving my cases and NY election law.

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Week of August 10th

I recently completed my public interest internship with <u>Advocates for Justice</u> so this is my last <u>EJA</u>

<u>Fellow Update</u>. I am so grateful to <u>Equal Justice America</u> for their support this summer, during which I had opportunities to work with pro bono clients on their cases of fighting against civil rights violations in employment and education. The highlight of this experience was being able to hear the relief in a client's voice when she realized the end of her fight through the civil court system was almost over – after almost four years of struggling to be heard and advocating for her minor daughter, the defendant school agreed to settle with her before going to trial. It was tough to see firsthand just how long it can take to achieve accountability through legal proceedings, but I am grateful to have seen justice in action.

I have learned so much about the civil litigation process and am thankful to have had wonderful colleagues. If you're able, please consider donating to EJA to support legal services for those most in need or share this link to others who can.