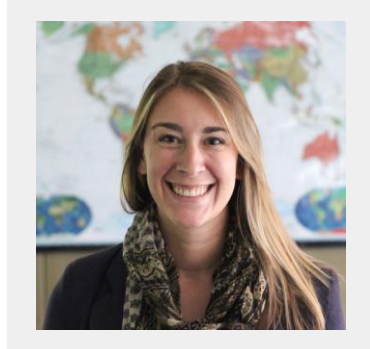




## Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



**Name:** Anna Porter

**Law School:** University of Chicago

**EJA Fellowship:** LAF

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### **Entry 1: Week of 6/18/2018**

[#EJAFellowUpdate](#) Over the past two weeks I have worked in the Immigrants & Workers' Rights Group at LAF Chicago to conduct intakes and support people seeking immigration relief. I am so grateful to Equal Justice America and LAF for helping to provide opportunities for law students to work with and support underserved populations.

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### **Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018**

[#EJAFellowUpdate](#) Just finished my 4th week at LAF Chicago in their Immigrant and Workers' Rights Group. I've spent the past few weeks working to help victims of violent crimes and human trafficking seek immigration relief. If you're able, please consider donating to support Equal Justice America to help law students like me support public interest legal providers. [Equal Justice America](#)

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### **Entry 3: Week of 7/20/2018**

[#EJAFellowUpdate](#) One immigration victory this week: The Embassy issued the visa for a client I've been working with over the past few weeks to come to the United States and be reunited with his parents! I'm so grateful for places like LAF Chicago that work tirelessly to provide free legal aid to underserved populations and to [Equal Justice America](#) for giving me the opportunity to support LAF this summer.

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### **Entry 4: Week of 8/4/2018**

Final [#EJAFellowUpdate](#): My summer at LAF is coming to an end. I have been so lucky to learn from the attorneys and staff in the Immigrant and Workers' Rights Practice Group at LAF Chicago! This week I have been finalizing a visa application for a trafficking victim to send in before I leave LAF for the summer. If possible, consider contributing to [Equal Justice America](#) so that other law students like me can continue to support organizations working to ensure access to legal aid for everyone!



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August 27, 2018

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**RE: Supervisor Evaluation**

Dear Ms. Ruben,

My name is Anna Maitland. I am a staff attorney working on the Trafficking Survivors Assistance Project (TSAP) in the Immigrants and Worker's Rights (IWR) Working Group at LAF – Chicago. I was Ms. Anna Porter's supervising attorney this past summer during Ms. Porter's internship.

Among other things, IWR provides legal representation for immigration relief in the form of U Visas, VAWA self-petitions, and T Visas. In addition, TSAP attorneys provide holistic services – including civil remedies and victim advocacy. Interns assist with the full spectrum of matters that arise in cases; they are assigned a mix of discrete tasks in addition to full-process representation. Anna drafted research memorandum, engaged directly with clients, did intake interviews, filed various visa applications, and assisted with research-centered portions of our representation.

Anna was a responsible and reliable intern. Her independence and focus allowed her to file a T Visa from start to finish, file a green card application for a client and his two family members, and assist with discrete components of various visa applications. All of the attorneys who worked with Anna felt confident in her work product and knew that her work would be completed in a timely and professional fashion – she completed several intake interviews with potential in Spanish and in English and conducted follow-up research for new clients; she additionally made recommendations on cases and helped identify referrals where needed.

Anna was very good at juggling many tasks at the same time, and took on many projects. She wrote several memorandum on complex civil issues for clients and, after completing a process with the US Consulate to facilitate a family reunification, she also developed guide for staff use in the future. When comments or edits were made to her work product, Anna did an excellent job of responding to the suggestions and providing as close to finalized work product as possible.

It was truly a pleasure to have Anna intern with IWR for the 2018 summer. If you have any questions, please contact me at [amaitland@lafchicago.org](mailto:amaitland@lafchicago.org) or by phone at (312) 347-8353.

Sincerely,



Anna Maitland | Staff Attorney (She/Her)