

## Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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### **Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018**

#### **#EJAFellowUpdate**

My first two weeks at Bay Area Legal Aid have been an incredible experience. I am looking forward to helping our clients break down barriers to employment and re-enter their communities. My Re-entry team is extremely passionate and motivated and has made me feel excited about the work that I am doing.

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

#### **#EJAFellowUpdate**

**Equal Justice America** My first month at Bay Area Legal Aid is coming to an end and I am excited and hopeful for what's to come! So far I have gotten courtroom experience, conducted plenty of client intakes, and also written motions and petitions in support of my clients. I am finding public interest work extremely rewarding and I am surrounded by people that are both passionate and intelligent.

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### **Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018**

This summer I have been working at Bay Area Legal Aid in Oakland for their Re-entry Unit. Our organization is the largest civil legal aid provider, serving seven different counties in the Bay Area. I have spent my summer helping those in our community remove any legal barriers they face and helping them get back on their feet. It has been a privilege to have had this opportunity and to be surrounded by passionate and intelligent attorneys that love the work they do. Without the help of **Equal Justice America** I would not have been able to serve my clients and protect their rights. **#EJAFellowUpdate**



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**Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018**

Working at Bay Area Legal Aid this summer has been a great experience. One of my biggest takeaways from this summer has been learning the importance of public interest and pro bono work in the legal profession. Many of us enter law school with dreams of changing the world and helping those who are less fortunate in our communities. We then quickly lose sight of this and get lost climbing the social ladder, forgetting what motivated us to be here in the first place. Working in the re-entry unit specifically at Bay Legal has given me a greater understanding of the barriers faced by those with criminal records and what happens after they have served their time. I am thankful to have gotten this opportunity and to have been surrounded by amazing attorneys, law clerks, and support staff.

Without the help of Equal Justice America I would not have been able to serve my clients and protect their rights.



July 27, 2018

Emma Ruben  
Equal Justice America  
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Dear Ms. Ruben,

My name is Stacey Guillory and I am the Project Coordinator of Bay Area Legal Aid's Reentry Unit in Alameda County. I was Daniel Bujan's supervising attorney this past summer during his internship.

The Reentry Unit represents individuals transitioning back to society after an arrest or conviction. The Reentry Unit aims to represent clients with wrap around services by assisting in a large variety of civil legal issues including housing evictions, public benefits terminations or overpayments, driver's license advocacy, criminal record remedies/clean slate, employment denials and occupational licensing, and consumer debt.

Daniel was tasked with handling six cases this summer, which included filing a Penal Code 1203.3 petition for early termination of probation. Daniel handled this case from start to finish. After interviewing the client, Daniel had to draft her letter to the court, collect supporting documents, draft and file the motion, and then he successfully argued the motion in court. Daniel also filed a motion in a pending traffic matter for this same client resulting in a dismissal and the client was able to secure employment as a direct result of all of the work Daniel did!

Daniel appeared in traffic court on a number of matters and successfully argued to have a client's ticket dismissed, removing the barrier of an unaffordable fine, and another referred to a collaborative court for adjudication so the client's driver license could be reinstated. Daniel worked on filing this client's application for the collaborative court which included conducting a client interview, collecting supporting documents and filling out a client case history and progress report. Daniel was very eager to work on a variety of matters and also drafted a demand letter for a housing case. In addition to case work, Daniel was tasked with updating client materials, such as translating our community flyer into Spanish and filled a gap in services by creating a client friendly handout on child support.

It was a pleasure to have Daniel intern with the Reentry Unit for the summer 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [sguillory@baylegal.org](mailto:sguillory@baylegal.org), or by phone at (510) 318-7231.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Stacey Guillory".

Stacey Guillory

