



## Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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**Law School:** Boston University School of Law

**Fellowship:** Greater Boston Legal Services (Cambridge & Somerville legal services)

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### Entry 1: Week of 5/31/2019

Over the past few weeks, I have started work as an EJA Fellow with Cambridge & Somerville legal services. Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services (CASLS) is a unit of GBLS. Our unit provides free legal services to low-income people from Cambridge, Somerville, and the other four cities. CASLS helps clients to gain access to affordable housing, public benefits including SSI, MassHealth, and other assistance programs.

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### Entry 2: Week of 6/14/2019

Through my internship at CASLS, I have had the opportunity to do the intake interviews with my supervising attorney. Most of our clients seek legal help because they received the Notice to Quit from the Local Housing Authority. We not only provide legal advice about the eviction problem but also help them to gain access to other assistance programs. We give clients the contact information of organizations that offer some free services. I also took several training sessions offered by other units from GBLS. I have learned a lot about public health and public benefits. The experience would not be possible without Equal Justice America's funding.



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**Entry 3: Week of 6/25/2019**

Last week I had the opportunity to do intake interviews with my supervising attorney at Multi-Services Center for the Homeless. I also went to Cambridge Housing Authority and Somerville Housing Authority to do the file reviews for low-income clients. I have learned so much about the housing law, and I am doing things that can help low-income people to maintain their tendency. I am grateful to Equal Justice America for the opportunity to work in the legal services this summer.

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**Entry 4: Week of 7/15/2019**

Working with Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services has been a great experience for me. I just finished my first year in law school and never heard Section 8 before this internship. I did not have any experience in the legal area before this summer. I am grateful that my first experience in the legal profession is at CASLS, which offered me lots of direct interaction with clients and allowed me to see how legal services can help people to solve their legal problems. Thanks to CASLS and Equal Justice America.