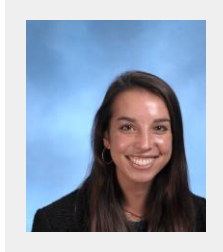




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Update 1: This summer I'm thrilled to be partnering with Equal Justice America while interning at the PAIR Project! PAIR provides free legal services to asylum-seekers and immigration detainees in Greater Boston. In my first three weeks I've been lucky to assist the team with a variety of legal tasks, including Special Immigrant Juvenile applications, appellate briefs, work authorizations, and research on recent policy changes. As always, serving the clients themselves has been the most fulfilling part of this experience, and reminds me of the reasons I came to law school to become a Public Interest attorney.

At a time when so much injustice affects immigrants at the border and beyond, organizations like PAIR are key advocates for the justice, hope, and safety that all immigrants deserve.

Update 2: As I reach the halfway mark in my time as an Equal Justice America Fellow at the PAIR Project this summer, one of the most impactful experiences thus far has been observing an adjustment of status hearing at the Boston Immigration Court. Judges' decisions to grant permanent residency are often made in a matter of minutes but can change the entire trajectory of an individual's life in the United States. As I reflect on the many systemic injustices affecting immigrants in the American legal system, I am reminded of the importance of competent, client-centered representation to amplify immigrant voices both in the courtroom and beyond.

Update 3: In my second to last EJA fellow update, I want to recognize the tireless dedication of the PAIR Project staff to the well-being and empowerment of their clients. Despite the constantly shifting terrain of the immigration and detention landscapes, the PAIR staff responds with resilience, passion, determination to advocate for justice, hope, and safety for noncitizens in need. I am so grateful to be part of this organization, and encourage supporters of civil legal aid to please consider donating to Equal Justice America to support the work of future law students serving those vulnerable in the legal system.

Entry 4: In my last week with the PAIR Project, I'm grateful for a summer of learning to amplify immigrant voices in the pursuit of justice, hope and safety. Please consider donating to Equal Justice America to fund more vital advocacy