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LEGAL SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1: June 16, 2021

Hello everyone!

As some of you know, I was generously selected for Equal Justice America's Summer 2021 Fellowship. I am currently in the middle of my third week interning for Boston University's Civil Litigation & Justice Program, so I thought this would be the perfect time for my first EJA Fellow Update! So far, it has been amazing working for BU's Civil Clinic and Greater Boston Legal Services! Throughout the summer, I will be working with BU's Civil Clinic and GBLS to provide free legal assistance to people living in poverty in greater Boston. This is extremely important work because 80% of the civil legal needs of those living in poverty are not being met (American Bar Association). My work has been interesting, challenging, and rewarding in just these few short weeks, and I am so excited to work with all my clients over the next few months.

Update 2: July 1, 2021

Happy July!

As we approach our nation's Independence Day, I am approaching the end of my fifth week interning for Boston University's Civil Litigation & Justice Program. So far, I have learned SO much in various civil practice areas, particularly housing and employment law, and I am excited to gain more knowledge as the summer progresses. Additionally, I have really enjoyed all the hands-on experience I have received. Last week, I was able to participate in my first mediation hearing! I am very grateful for this experience and looking forward to participating in a hearing later this month. Hope you all have an amazing 4th of July weekend and are able to stay cool!



Update 3: July 16, 2021

Hello friends and family!

I haven't posted on here in a while and wanted to give you all a little life update! As some of you know, I moved to Boston in the middle of the pandemic to start law school at Boston University School of Law. I finished my first year of law school, and I was generously selected for Equal Justice America's Summer 2021 Fellowship. During my summer fellowship, I have been working with both BU's Civil Litigation & Justice Program and Greater Boston Legal Services to provide free legal assistance to people living in poverty in greater Boston. This is extremely important work because 80% of the civil legal needs of those living in poverty are not being met (American Bar Association). I am learning so much and really enjoying all the hands-on experience I have received. I am excited to continue working this summer and jump into my second year of law school soon!

Entry 4: August 6, 2021

Hello everyone!

As the end of my summer internship approaches, it is time for my final EJA Fellow Update! This summer, I was blessed to have the opportunity to work as a legal assistant at Boston University's Civil Litigation & Justice Program and Greater Boston Legal Services. My favorite experience was being able to represent one of my clients in a DUA appeal hearing, which resulted in my client being awarded over \$13,000 in retroactive benefits! I am very grateful for all the hands-on experience and knowledge I gained throughout the summer in various areas of civil law. I am ready to jump into my second year of law school at Boston University School of Law and can't wait to gain more experience and knowledge over the coming year.