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Summer 2022 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1: I am very excited to share my very first EJA Fellow Update with you.

I was recently awarded a fellowship from Equal Justice America, a fantastic organization that makes it possible for law students like myself to dedicate ourselves to working for legal aid programs.

With support from Equal Justice America, I am working with the Texas Advocacy Project, Inc. to provide free legal services and access to the justice system to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Our vision is that all Texans live free from abuse.

I am now entering my third week as a law clerk and am amazed at how much I've learned in such a short time, thanks to my wonderful mentor attorneys and fellow clerks.

I will be posting four more updates over the course of my time with the Texas Advocacy Project as part of my duties as an EJA Fellow and am looking forward to sharing my progress with you.

Update 2: I am very happy to share that I was recently awarded a fellowship from Equal Justice America, a fantastic organization that makes it possible for law students like myself to dedicate ourselves to working for legal aid programs. As part of my fellowship, I will be sharing EJA Fellow Updates on the work that I'm doing.

With support from EJA, I am currently working for the Texas Advocacy Project, Inc. to provide free legal services and access to the justice system to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. It's been almost a month now and I am amazed at how much I've learned in such a short time. I am learning from really fantastic attorneys and feel so grateful to have the opportunity to do such meaningful work.

Update 3: For those who may not have seen my previous update, I was recently awarded a fellowship with Equal Justice America in support of the work I'm doing as a law clerk at the Texas Advocacy Project.

The Texas Advocacy Project provides free legal services and access to the justice system to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. As a law clerk, my responsibilities thus far primarily revolve around drafting, research, and legislative advocacy. It has truly been an honor to learn from such phenomenal attorneys and have the opportunity to do such meaningful work each day.



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Update 4: For those who may not have seen my other posts, I am currently a fellow with Equal Justice America. They are supporting the work I'm doing as a law clerk at the Texas Advocacy Project. The Texas Advocacy Project provides free legal services and access to the justice system to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Since my last post, I reached a milestone in my legal career. For the first time, I was able to observe a trial for a case that I had worked on and drafted documents for. The TAP attorneys did a fantastic job and were able to secure a lifetime protective order for our client as well as the exact custody orders she had hoped for. It was a deeply rewarding experience and one I will surely never forget.

Update 5: For those who don't know, I am wrapping up my fellowship with Equal Justice America. Equal Justice America provides funding to law students who are providing essential legal services to people in need. This summer, Equal Justice America supported my clerkship with the Texas Advocacy Project, a non-profit organization that provides free legal services and access to the justice system to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Texas Advocacy Project offers services ranging from direct representation to assisted pro se representation to education and outreach.

Last week marked the end of my time with the Texas Advocacy Project. I feel fortunate to have been able to spend my summer advocating for survivors, performing meaningful and substantive work, and receiving phenomenal training from talented attorneys.

I was given the opportunity to not only draft documents for court but to also work on research projects that I felt compelled by. I have recently worked on cases involving stalking, divorce, and child custody. I have drafted a number of documents, including a Proposed Disposition of the Issues, a Motion to Affirm the Default Judgment for Stalking Protective Order, a Final Divorce Decree, and Temporary Orders in a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship. Additionally, I have performed research on the prevalence of interpersonal violence and reproductive coercion within instances of abortion. Other recent research projects have included updates to Title IX and civil procedure questions. As part of the work that I am doing with our policy coordinator on cyberstalking, I have performed research on the Relationship Privacy Act and Texas's sexting laws. Additionally, I have begun examining the relationship between domestic violence and mass shootings.

The Texas Advocacy Project has a robust mentorship and professional development program. I frequently shadow calls with survivors seeking our services and get to hear firsthand how our attorneys advise them. I have also gotten to participate in Q & A sessions with managing attorneys, watched "Legal Learning Lunches" with associate attorneys, and observed court hearings. My favorite part of my training and probably the most helpful was a law clerk mock trial.

My work this summer at the Texas Advocacy Project would not have been possible without the support I received from Equal Justice America. If you are able, please consider donating to Equal Justice America using the link below to support law students and their clients.

Thank you to those following along with my EJA Fellow Updates and thank you to everyone at Equal Justice America.