

# **Summer 2022 EJA Fellow:**



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#### Update 1:

My first week at Brooklyn Defenders have been a crash course in all things immigration law, from an overview of asylum processes to our Padilla responsibilities. I am excited to get on top of my first assignments and begin to materially help our clients.

As many of you know I wouldn't be able to Do this work without the help of Equal Justice America and Rutgers Law School. Please consider donating to them so that other law students can do the same.

#### Update 2:

I am so happy to be continuing at Brooklyn Defenders where I've not only been able to communicate with clients to help write declarations but also diving into new legal research topics to provide creative ways to fight against deportation for our clients.

## Update 3:

I was lucky to have my first in person client meeting this week and was able to use my Spanish skills in order to interview our client for a potential prosecutorial discretion request that I will also get to draft!

## Update 4:

This past week I was lucky to assist an attorney with continued research for a Second Circuit brief in defense against a client's deportation. I can't wait to hear about the outcome of the case and am so thankful that the supervising attorney trusted me to help out.



## Update 5:

I am so glad to share my final EJA Fellow update! It was such an honor to work at Brooklyn Defenders this summer with the help of Equal Justice America. I got so much new experience in asylum defense and working with incarcerated clients with the guiding hand of my wonderful supervising attorneys. And of course, my fellow interns were some of the most passionate and insightful people I've ever met. Now onto 3L!