



## Summer 2018 EJA Fellow

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### **Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018**

#EJAFellowUpdate

Over the past three weeks I have worked with Lincoln Square Legal Services to help those facing consumer debt actions. We recently attended the, Consumer Debt Conference, 10 Years After, held at Fordham Law School. I am amazed by the high level of advocacy present in New York City on this issue. Advocates have changed the landscape of Consumer Debt since 2008, and continue to make improvements across the nation.

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### **Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018**

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Over the past month I have been working with Lincoln Square Legal Services in the Consumer Litigation Clinic. This past week we visited CLARO, a limited, legal advice project for unrepresented debtor-defendants. CLARO assists people in the New York Civil Courts in all five boroughs - Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island - and additionally in Westchester. It is inspiring to see all of the volunteer attorneys and students that effectively help dozens of people each week.

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### **Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018**

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Over the past month I have been working with Lincoln Square Legal Services in the Consumer Litigation Clinic. Many of our clients experience default judgments against them on debts that they never incurred. There is a continued need for consumer representation in these types of cases that many organizations are working to meet.

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### **Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018**

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This summer I have been working with Lincoln Square Legal Services in the Consumer Litigation Clinic. We help clients who have experienced "sewer service" which happens when a process server fails to deliver court documents. The result is that many people do not find out about cases against them until years after a default judgment occurs.