

# Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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# Week of June 15th, 2020

Time for my first EJA Fellow Update! I was generously chosen to be one of this year's Equal Justice America Fellows. I am currently working remotely out of NYC with Lincoln Square Legal Services, where I've been working with clients on various tax related issues and learning tax law as I go. I'm excited to see what the rest of the summer holds, and I hope we will be able to transition to meeting clients in-person at the office!

### Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

It's already been over a month since I started working at Lincoln Square Legal Services, so that means it's time for another EJA Fellow Update — time flies over Zoom!

Over the last month, I've learned a lot about tax law, as well as a bit about consumer litigation, but I have not even scratched the surface of the world of tax! It has been an inspiring experience seeing the resilience of clients dealing with some of the toughest life issues, while trying to deal with the IRS as well. Today, a client told me that he feels our organization is the only one that cares about his issues and wants to help him. Each day I learn more and more how much our legal work impacts the lives of others. This only makes me want to work harder to make their lives a bit easier!

### Week of July 27th, 2020

Wow, it's already time for my third EJA Fellow Update! I cannot believe the summer is nearing its end. There is only a few weeks left in my internship with Lincoln Square Legal Services, so it is time to take a moment to reflect.



While we were not able to go into the office this summer and have remained on Zoom, I can still confidently say the experiences and skills I have gained will stick with me for my whole career! I have researched many ends of the income tax law spectrum, from innocent spouse relief to education credits, yet there is always new niches of the law I am confronted with. I have also dabbled in consumer litigation and I am set to file my first answer/counter-petition in the coming weeks (seeing months of work come to fruition will be amazing). However, the greatest experience has been getting to know clients and seeing their cases through from intake to settlement.

# Week August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The time has come for my final EJA Fellow Update! This is my last week at Lincoln Square Legal Services and just like that the summer is coming to an end. I cannot believe how fast the Fall semester is sneaking up on us!

I am incredibly thankful for all that I learned from my supervisors, coworkers, and clients this summer. I am also thankful for being chosen to be a Equal Justice America fellow. It has been a fast summer and having my entire internship over Zoom was less than ideal, but it was a great experience nonetheless.