



## Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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### Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>:

The first three weeks working at Lincoln Legal Services have been great. My clients come from underserved communities and would otherwise not have access to legal counsel. Although I wish I could meet with my clients face to face, it has been wonderful speaking with these individuals, listening to their stories, and talking with my team about how we can help them. Looking forward to the weeks ahead!

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### Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>:

Although COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges, I am glad to be part of such an amazing team as we work to continue to support our clients. Normally, clients come to our offices in Lincoln Center, New York City to drop off documents and meet with us in-person. Since these meetings are not possible, I actually took a trip last week to meet with a client at her place of employment, and it was great to have an in-person conversation with her. Being able to form relationships with our clients is crucial, and just reinforces how important our work is. I am looking forward to continuing finding creative ways to stay connected with our clients.

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### Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>:

Our NYC offices are still closed, but we are continuing to push ahead in this virtual world we are living in. The IRS is still significantly delayed (by almost 2 months) because of the COVID-19 pandemic and many of our clients are anxiously waiting to hear back regarding their tax disputes, and in certain cases, the status of their Economic Impact Payments (EIP) from the CARES Act. My team and I are diligently working each day to get in contact with the IRS, and to provide updates to



our clients, but things remain a challenge. I am hoping that we can make additional progress over the next few weeks!

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**Week of August 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Today is my last day as an intern at Lincoln Square Legal Services. I still cannot believe how fast the summer flew by. The IRS is still very backlogged, leaving many of my clients (and their tax disputes) in limbo. However, we were able to make progress on a handful of our cases, and I truly believe that progress was meaningful, and helpful for our clients.

As I reflect back on the last few weeks, I am so grateful for all the people I had an opportunity to work with, and humbled by my experience. I attribute my positive experience directly to my amazing team, and the wonderful clients I worked with. It put a smile on my face to receive such thoughtful messages from my co-workers and my clients this week.

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