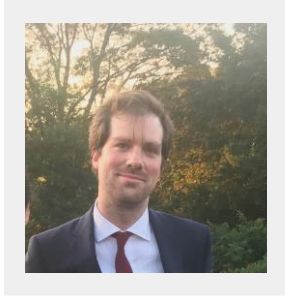




## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Update 1:

I am incredibly fortunate to have been selected as an EJA Fellow to support my work at The Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit this summer. I have already learned a great deal from a host of inspiring attorneys, paralegals, and fellow interns. With my first two weeks coming to a close, I have participated in an impressive array of trainings, conducted legal research, and helped draft a brief for a client's appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals. Without EJA's support, I am not sure that working in public interest law would have been a viable option this summer. Please consider supporting the EJA's vital work, which will continue to permit aspiring attorneys to follow their passions during their summer internships. I am so excited to continue growing this summer while working for an organization whose mission I believe in. Most importantly, I look forward to continuing to advocate for my clients, who are at the center of the Legal Aid Society's work.

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### Update 2:

One month into my summer internship at The Legal Aid Society, I can say with confidence that I am learning the essential aspects of practice that are impossible to teach in law school. I have written supporting declarations and affidavits, interviewed clients and their families, and helped author an appellate brief. I intended to pursue public service law when entering law school, and my experience this summer has only reinforced this goal. I remain convinced that Legal Aid and other legal service providers are filling an indispensable role in our society by providing free legal services to marginalized communities. I am grateful for EJA's support that enabled my work advocating for detained immigrants at risk of deportation.

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### Update 3:

This past week, I focused on two projects: drafting a special findings motion for a client seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and researching country conditions for a client's asylum application. I found the work challenging but also ultimately rewarding. My research illustrated the often traumatic and tragic circumstances from which legal aid clients have fled. It is essential to keep funding free legal services for immigrants regardless of their circumstances.



**Entry 4:**

The past two weeks have been busy at The Legal Aid Society! I have worked on a number of projects including a client's petition for special immigrant juvenile status. I also got to experience going in to court for the first time, where my supervisor argued a special findings motion that I drafted. While appearing in court was an interesting experience for me personally, I also learned how traumatic it can be for clients, who are required to testify about some very difficult parts of their lives. Additionally, I have continued my research into my clients' home countries, conducted interviews with their family members, and wrote affidavits in support of their asylum applications. This will be my last EJA update of the summer. It has been immensely rewarding. I am grateful for EJA's support that enabled my work advocating for detained immigrants at risk of deportation. Please consider supporting the next generation of EJA Fellows by donating.