



Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1:

This summer I was selected as one of this year's Equal Justice America Fellows. I am currently working for the Legal Aid Society in the Immigration Unit in the Manhattan office. During my first week, I was introduced to so many other amazing interns, attorneys, and other staff members at The Legal Aid Society. I have already learned so much only one week into my internship and cannot wait to learn more. I have been on a few client calls regarding asylum hearings, green card application renewals, and DACA cases. I am excited to continue with this important work and see how my work impacts my clients later in the summer.

Update 2:

I'm officially 3 weeks into my internship and have been thoroughly enjoying the experience. I have been primarily working on affirmative asylum cases, U-Visa applications, and DACA applications. It has been great to work with clients of all ages and backgrounds. The most interesting part about my internship so far has been seeing how immigration law intersects with family and criminal law. Last week, one of the highlights was hearing an attorney from The Legal Aid Society argue before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Update 3:

Last week I worked on affirmative asylum cases. I interviewed the asylum applicants to work on their asylum declarations. I also conducted research on the country conditions of the countries where the clients are seeking refuge from to add further evidence to the applicants' asylum declarations. I will be working with one client further as she has a young son who would qualify as a Special Immigrant Juvenile with USCIS. I am excited to continue this meaningful work!



Entry 4:

I have only 2 weeks left of my summer internship with The Legal Aid Society and I cannot believe how fast the summer has gone by. I have learned so much this summer and it has really come to fruition this week as many of the clients I have been working with this summer have received interview notices or notices to appear before an immigration judge. I have been able to work with a variety of different clients and on many different issues ranging from defensive asylum cases to SIJS cases. I'm excited to continue this work at Fordham this coming semester working in the Immigration Clinic.