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Summer 2023 EJA Fellow:

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Update 1:

I am excited to be working with Disability Rights New York this summer to further the civil rights of all people! I was very fortunate to receive a summer fellowship from Equal Justice America, which enabled me to accept an unpaid internship providing legal aid to community members with disabilities.

If you're interested in supporting my work this summer, as well as EJA's mission to continue providing funding for law students interested in public service, please consider donating. Happy summer everyone!

Update 2:

Another Equal Justice America, EJA Fellow Update! I am a few weeks into my internship with Disability Rights New York and loving all of the interesting opportunities. I have been able to support everything from a special education case that tackles challenging issues in the ADA, to supporting a class action for New Yorkers who are being denied their transition services. Really appreciating the opportunity to work with such caring and creative attorneys and advocates.

Update 3:

Another post shouting out Equal Justice America for helping fund my summer with DRNY. It has really been such a pleasure working with such creative and compassionate attorneys. I have had the chance to try my hand at everything from impact litigation to direct client representation and have already learned so much.

Update 4:

Thank you, Disability Rights New York, for an incredible summer. It was truly such a pleasure working with such incredible and passionate attorneys. And thank you Equal Justice America for helping me fund this endeavor.

Update 5:

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from the incredible team at Disability Rights New York. During my time there I got to see lawyers challenge systems that are failing the people they are meant to serve, interact with clients who are vehemently advocating for their constitutionally protected rights, and observe advocates interact with professionalism and compassion. I am walking away with a greater sense of purpose and



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determination to fight for the rights of all people. I had the opportunity to work on many different cases but one really stood out to me both for its egregious violation of the rights of people with disabilities and the shortcoming of our social systems but also for the creativity which the DNYR brought to their arguments were first, a major class action where we were representing people not being transferred from their residential schools to community-based placements in a timely fashion. This directly violates the ADA which calls for the least restrictive means possible, in an effort to keep our country from backsliding into our terrible history of institutionalization. In this case I was able to see my civ pro knowledge tested as I supported everything from the petition for class cert all the way up to the individual arguments for our named plaintiffs. Thank you to Equal Justice America for supporting my work and huge thank you to the Disability Rights New York team for your guidance and mentorship this summer.