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## SUMMER 2024

## EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

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| <b>ORGANIZATION</b> | Neighborhood Legal Services<br>Program           |

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**Update 1:** This summer, I will be interning with Neighborhood Legal Services Program. I am thrilled to contribute to their important work and eager to learn from their Family Law Unit. Additionally, having the office located in my actual neighborhood in D.C. will make this experience even more rewarding, I'm sure. I can't wait to work with my community which has given me so much!

A busy two weeks so far at NLSP! Some highlights include: going to court and observing some family law hearings as well as the amazing Consortium training hosted by the Washington Council of Lawyers at Steptoe & Johnson for a large cohort of D.C. Legal Aid Interns. Looking forward to the weeks to come!

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**Update 2:** Under my awesome attorney mentors' supervision, I have done intakes for our clients, shadowed hearings, compiled client files, done research, and participated in conciliation meetings in a partnership with OAG. I am humbled by the work of this organization and moved by the stories of our clients. Far too many D.C. residents face Family Court unrepresented. I am glad places like NLSP exist to fill at least a bit of the gap in our system.

On the EJA side of things, we had a lovely reception to give thanks to one our funders, BakerHostetler, and update them on some of the work we fellows are able to pursue with their assistance.

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**Update 3:** Just two more weeks left at NLSP - I can't believe it! I've been gaining some great experience and I'll be sad to leave. Recently, I've been working on child support and child custody cases, drafting motions, and having direct interactions with clients. I've also been sitting



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in on status hearings and shadowing my supervisor in her partnership with OAG for conciliation efforts.

Last week, NLSP's Executive Director, Karen Newton Cole, hosted a wonderful luncheon for all the interns. It was inspiring to hear the law journeys of the directors and managing attorneys, gaining insight into different legal services careers. The fact that many attorneys started at NLSP, ventured to other organizations, and then returned speaks volumes about the work culture and impact they make in the community!

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**Update 4:** My final EJA Fellow update: As I get ready for 2L to start in two weeks, I am reflecting on my summer at NLSP. I was granted the opportunity for hands on learning working in the Family Law Unit. I now know this area of law is one I am interested in pursuing. Special shout out to Luer Yin, Esq., as she gave me invaluable guidance in my writing and for my career generally pursuing public interest work as a first-generation law student. I believe I have become a better writer and advocate this summer. Looking forward to the start of the school year and joining the Federal Public Defenders' Office for the Eastern District of Virginia this semester!