



# EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

## SUMMER 2024

## EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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### Update 1:

I'm officially 4 weeks into my internship so I thought I would provide an update! I have been helping to advocate for children with learning disabilities in schools across the state. I've been involved in ensuring the Individual Education Plan (IEP)'s of students are followed by the school and district and bringing legal action if necessary. I have been involved in legal research looking into the Massachusetts Special Education Surrogate Parent Program, as well as researching the laws and cases surrounding the constitutionality of school searches in the State. I have already learned a lot in the 4 weeks I have been here and cannot wait to continue my experience here throughout the summer.



**Update 2:** It is week 5 of my time at EdLaw and time for another update! I continued to advocate for children with learning disabilities in schools across the state. I've been involved in ensuring the Individual Education Plan (IEP)'s of students are followed by the school and district, and bringing legal action if necessary. I am now starting to take on calls by myself, and cannot wait to continue growing my skills! I have learned a lot in the 5 weeks I have been here, and cannot wait to continue my experience here throughout the summer. Thank you to Suffolk University Law School for connecting me with this opportunity!



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## **Update 3:**

It is week 7 (maybe 8 I've lost track!) of my time at EdLaw and time for another update! I continued to advocate for children with learning disabilities in schools across the state. I've been involved in doing important research regarding school searches and the privacy rights of children, and I am continuing to take on calls by myself and cannot wait to continue growing my skills! I have learned a lot in the 7 or so weeks I have been here, and cannot wait to continue my experience here throughout the summer. Thank you to Suffolk University Law School for connecting me with this opportunity!

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## **Update 4:**

It's Week 9 of my time at EdLaw and time for another update! I continued to advocate for children with learning disabilities in schools across the state. I've been involved drafting important memos that will later be filed with court to help make sure schools are providing students with their IEP services and cannot wait to continue growing my skills! I have learned a lot in the 9 weeks I have been here and cannot believe I only have one week left! Big thank you to Suffolk University Law School for connecting me with this opportunity!

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## **Update 5:**

Last week completed my time at EdLaw and so it is time for my final thoughts on the internship as a whole! Throughout the course of the summer, I advocated in various ways for children with learning disabilities in schools across the state. I was involved drafting important memos that were filed with court to help make sure schools are providing students with their IEP services, conducting client intakes, and doing really important legal research for my supervising attorneys! I learned during the course of my 10-week internship and look forward to applying my newly learned and improved skills this upcoming year! Big thank you to Suffolk University Law School for connecting me with this opportunity!

I was so honored to be chosen as a Equal Justice America summer fellow and take advantage of the opportunities that were provided to me! Equal Justice America is dedicated to supporting law students in their work of protecting the rights of the most vulnerable populations across the country, and so am I!

I'd like to thank everyone for following my journey this summer, and hope you continue to follow along as I progress in my legal career!