



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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Final Reflection:

As my Equal Justice America fellowship and summer internship with Legal Counsel for the Elderly come to a close, I have been reflecting on the incredible experiences and knowledge I have gained over the past few months.

Working with LCE has allowed me to contribute to the vital mission of protecting the rights and dignity of older adults in the District of Columbia. I have had the privilege of assisting clients in securing Medicare and Medicaid benefits, working on EPD waiver cases, researching legislative histories of statutory provisions, and drafting detailed legal memoranda to support advocacy efforts. Conducting home visits has given me firsthand insight into the unique challenges faced by our clients and highlighted the importance of meeting them where they are.

Beyond casework, my summer was enriched by opportunities to attend pro bono workshops, public interest forums, and training sessions that deepened my understanding of access-to-justice issues. I connected with passionate public interest attorneys and interns from various organizations, learning from their expertise and perspectives. I also attended oversight hearings and fair hearings, where I observed the intersection of advocacy and policy in practice.

This internship has strengthened my legal research, client engagement, and active listening skills while reinforcing my commitment to using the law as a tool for equity and empowerment. I am grateful to Equal Justice America for making this fellowship possible and to the entire LCE team for welcoming, mentoring, and inspiring me to continue pursuing public interest work.

Although this marks the end of my summer at LCE, the lessons I've learned and the relationships I've built will continue to shape my legal career.