



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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Final Reflection:

I have had an amazing experience at Greater Boston Legal Services this summer. I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to serve so many clients over the past few months. My supervisor and I assisted many *pro se* clients with various forms, applications, and other tasks. I also got to help with several retained clients in various stages of the immigration process. We even got to celebrate two clients being granted asylum! This summer I particularly enjoyed visiting local shelters and organizations focused on assisting low-income or homeless individuals to provide free immigration consultations.

My time at GBLS has felt so short! Although I am wrapping up next week, the cases I am working on will still continue. I have spent most of the past couple weeks working on materials for a hearing that will take place in early September. Even though my internship will be over by that point, I want to assist the client and my supervisor as much as possible before I leave.

In the meantime, my supervisor has been deep in the weeds on an emergency case with a detained client whose location we were not even sure of until a few days ago. The government was refusing to allow this client to communicate with anyone – friends, family, attorney, clergy. The client did not even know their own location for a while. My supervisor and some other attorneys were able to petition for a writ of habeas corpus, and the case is still ongoing. The U.S. government should not be allowed to disappear people. I am grateful for the attorneys who have been working on this case to defend the constitutional rights of the marginalized in our society.

My work does not end here! I am looking forward to continuing my work with asylees through the Immigrants' Rights and Human Trafficking Clinic at Boston University School of Law. This will be another step toward fulfilling my goal of working full time as an immigration attorney to defend immigrants in Massachusetts!