

## Summer 2025 EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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## **Final Reflection:**

Having now completed my summer internship with the Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit, I am incredibly grateful to the wonderful attorneys, my fellow interns, and Equal Justice America for enabling me to help numerous clients in especially dire times. During my internship, I have had the opportunity to work on a variety of cases including U and T non-immigrant visas for victims of crimes and human trafficking, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals case, asylum cases, a Violence Against Women Act case including a complicated filing in court, filing for a work permit, and litigation research that successfully helped free someone from wrongful detention.

Working mostly independently but with invaluable support from my supervisor, I was able to make tangible changes in the lives of numerous survivors that will help them to continue living in safety. I will forever cherish all of the interactions I had with our clients throughout their immigration journeys. Their strength and agency in the face of unimaginable adversity was immensely inspirational, and something I hope to carry with me in the rest of my career.

Throughout my time at Greater Boston Legal Services, I gained invaluable skills in legal research, country conditions research, litigation, working with clients with severe trauma, collaborating with other units on related cases, and in persevering through countless bureaucratic hurdles. This advocacy was also not without its challenges given the vast changes to immigrants' rights under the current administration. Yet, having now successfully fought for these clients on the ground legally, I feel ever more confident in effectively advocating for immigrants' rights at the policy level as I continue my legal career in international human rights law.



I cannot thank everyone at Greater Boston Legal Services and at Equal Justice America enough for all of the training, advice, and support they have given me during the summer. These organizations do amazing work in successfully supporting the representation of countless low-income individuals and immigrant communities.

Please consider donating to Equal Justice America who have helped make all of my advocacy possible this summer.