



# EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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### EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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#### Final Reflection:

I am officially back in Charlottesville, marking an end to the summer and my time at Equal Rights Advocates (ERA).

Throughout the summer, I was lucky to be surrounded by some of the most passionate attorneys and law clerks. Watching them work consistently and tirelessly for the benefit of women and girls everywhere was inspiring. Whether it was through fighting for equal pay, sexual harassment protection, or enforcing civil rights law, the mission of ERA was always clear and poignant.

Coming after my first year of law school, I think it was easy to get lost in the weeds of the theoretical. At Equal Rights Advocates, I was faced with the need to think beyond that. Seeing the real people we were impacting was a needed reminder of why I wanted to go to law school in the first place. I learned so much researching laws that were not the focus of my classes thus far, but were foundational to many of the freedoms and rights I get to enjoy.

Not only was I able to help with research on ongoing projects, but we were also invited to listen in on policy hearings within local and state government. That was truly one of the richest learning experiences I have ever had the pleasure of participating in. Seeing the attorneys I work alongside advocate with witnesses and allied organizations in front of the legislature showed me how the work on the ground is being used for change.

I came to ERA because of deeply personal their mission was to me and my family's history. I am so grateful to have witnessed how they are changing the experiences for other families for the better.

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