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EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



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Update 1: Hi everyone! I'm excited to share that I've started my Equal Justice America fellowship this summer. I am currently working with The Legal Aid Society's Civil Practice to support low-income tenants facing eviction in Brooklyn.

I'm so grateful to Equal Justice America for making this opportunity possible through this summer fellowship, as most public-interest legal internships are unpaid.

Update 2: Hi again! As you all know from my last post, I began my Equal Justice America fellowship back in early June. I am now halfway through my internship with The Legal Aid Society's Civil Practice where I continue to support low-income tenants facing eviction in Brooklyn. My passion for direct services work has only grown in the last 5 weeks and I am forever grateful for the opportunity.

Update 3: Hi everyone! Today I concluded my summer internship in The Legal Aid Society's Tenant Defense Unit. I wanted to extend a special thank you to Equal Justice America for having me as a Summer 2026 Fellow. Taking on this internship would not have been possible without the support from the fellowship and the invaluable EJA network. Thank you to all who have donated to such a great cause.

Final Reflection: During my 1L summer, I interned with The Legal Aid Society's Tenant Defense Unit, where I assisted attorneys in eviction defense proceedings for low-income Brooklyn tenants. My role entailed drafting answers to petitions and a motion to discontinue, conducting legal research, and speaking with clients before trial proceedings. Additionally, I was able to speak with our clients and their families almost daily. Getting to know our clients was the most rewarding part of my experience at LAS. Despite the inherent stress that comes with court



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proceedings, especially those regarding housing security, our clients remained hopeful and trusted that we had their best interests in mind. I got to observe skillful attorneys explain complex legal concepts in digestible terms and emphasize the goals of their work, all while balancing the interests and needs of the clients. No question was silly and no question went unanswered. I am inspired by the work done at LAS and feel honored to have been a part of its work this summer. Of course, this would not have been possible without support from EJA. The EJA stipend made my experience at LAS more comfortable, and I was able to prioritize my work rather than stressing about funding from other sources. Thank you for the support!