



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

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Update 1:

I'm excited to share that I'm spending my summer as an Equal Justice America Fellow with the ACLU of Michigan while pursuing my J.D. at University of Michigan Law School.

This summer, I have the opportunity to support work that advances civil rights and civil liberties across Michigan. The experience has already reinforced my commitment to public interest law and given me valuable insight into the impact that legal advocacy can have on people's lives.

Update 2:

As an Equal Justice America Fellow at the ACLU of Michigan, I've been fortunate to contribute to work involving First Amendment issues and immigrant rights. Every day has given me a greater appreciation for the impact that thoughtful legal advocacy can have on individuals and communities.

I'm incredibly grateful to Equal Justice America for supporting law students pursuing public interest careers and to ACLU of Michigan for providing such a meaningful learning experience.

Update 3:

I can't believe we are over halfway through the summer! Time for an EJA Fellow Update. This summer at the ACLU of Michigan, I have been lucky enough to work on trans rights issues, immigrant justice, and first amendment cases. Thank you to Equal Justice America for allowing me to pursue this work.



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Update 4:

Just a few more weeks of my summer at the ACLU of Michigan. I have been so lucky to spend my summer surrounded by such talented attorneys and interns. Thank you again to Equal Justice America for their support.

Final Reflection: I can't believe this is my final week at the ACLU of Michigan. As I wrap up my internship, I'm leaving with an even stronger commitment to public interest work and so much gratitude for the people who made this experience possible.

This summer, I was lucky enough to work alongside attorneys on a variety of issues, from immigrant justice to election protection to the First Amendment. I had the opportunity to dive into legal research, help with client services, and see firsthand how lawyers approach constantly evolving legal issues. More than anything, this experience taught me that public interest lawyers have to be ready to rise to meet the challenges of the day. The work is rarely simple, and it certainly doesn't end when you leave the courtroom.

One of my favorite parts of this summer was getting to work alongside so many different people. I didn't just work with attorneys, I worked with an incredible team of organizers, political strategists, investigators, and paralegals. Seeing how all of these roles come together showed me just how much goes into effective civil rights advocacy. Whether it's building a case, supporting a client, engaging a community, or advocating for policy change, every part of the team plays an important role. This summer gave me a much better understanding of what it means to do movement lawyering.

I'm incredibly grateful to everyone at the ACLU of Michigan who took the time to teach me, challenge me, answer my endless questions, and welcome me into their work. I'm leaving this summer with new skills, new perspectives, and an even greater appreciation for the importance of public interest lawyers and the communities they serve.

My experience with the ACLU of Michigan would not have been possible without the support of Equal Justice America. EJA is an organization dedicated to furthering public interest law and supporting law students who are pursuing careers in service of others. I'm incredibly grateful for their investment in my summer and in the next generation of public interest lawyers.

If you're able, please consider supporting EJA and helping make experiences like this possible for other law students.