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Update 1:

I have completed two weeks as an intern at East Bay Community Law Center and have already gotten to meet with clients at risk of losing their housing. The work has been incredibly rewarding thus far. I am experiencing firsthand the need for more students and attorneys in the civil legal aid field. I am so glad to be a part of this team, and I am excited to continue working in this field.

Update 2:

As an Equal Justice America Fellow, I have had the opportunity to work in the public interest field this summer, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience thus far. I have gotten to do two courthouse clinics, which is a day where myself and the other members of the housing clinic at East Bay Community Law Center help tenants try to settle their eviction cases in order to avoid returning for trial. This has been a great learning experience because for the first time I am getting to negotiate with opposing counsel to try to get a better outcome for our clients. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and I can't wait to see what is to come as the summer goes on.

Update 3:

I am excited to share my latest Equal Justice America #EJAFellowUpdate! As I begin to wind down the last few weeks of my time at East Bay Community Law Center, I have been reflecting on my time in the housing clinic. One thing that I have been considering is how to best help clients with their immediate housing issues while also considering how to combat the more systemic issues they face. It is a question I have not yet found the answer to. I hope that as I



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spend more time in the public interest field, I can improve upon these skills to not only help people with their immediate issues, but also better equip them to combat systemic issues.

Update 4:

Hey everyone, Equal Justice America #EJAFellowUpdate! As I enter my final week with East Bay Community Law Center, I have had lots of time to reflect on my summer as a whole. The opportunity to work in the housing clinic has been an incredible experience. It has taught me many practical skills, especially in developing my negotiating skills with both other clients and opposing counsel. This internship has also shown that there is a large need for civil legal aid.

Final Reflection:

I completed my time with East Bay Community Law Center on July 29th. My time at EBCLC this summer was an incredible experience. I was able to get a lot of time working with clients fighting to keep their housing. I am also lucky to have been able to work with such an incredible team this summer, and I cannot thank my fellow interns and mentors at EBCLC enough for their support and guidance throughout this summer. Working in legal aid was not always easy because sometimes it felt like the losses we experienced were so large while the wins often felt very small. However, as the summer went on, my colleagues helped me to learn how to better reconcile these moments in order to stay grounded in the mission of helping our clients. I also want to thank Equal Justice America for the opportunity to work in public interest this summer. I am excited to return for my final year at University of the Pacific - McGeorge School of Law! If you would like to support, please consider donating.