



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

Summer 2026

EJA FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT



NAME	Grace Han
LAW SCHOOL	UCLA School of Law
ORGANIZATION	WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School

Update 1: Today marks the end of my very first week of working as a Student Attorney at the WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School! As a part of the Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic, I am entrusted with providing direct legal services to veterans and their families. I am drawing from my own family's experiences to approach this work with the utmost care and empathy, and I look forward to all the ways that I will grow as an advocate this summer.

This opportunity would not be possible without the support of Equal Justice America. I am grateful that being a recipient of the summer fellowship is allowing me to pay forward the legal education that I am receiving as a student at the UCLA School of Law.

Update 2: Summer officially started this past week but my summer at the Legal Services Center has been in full throttle! I went on my first client call this past week and am continuing to refine my legal research and writing skills through various memos and briefs that I have been assigned. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the veterans' community and, in turn, to learn so much from them as well.

In addition to working hard, I have been exploring my home away from home — Boston! What a beautiful city! In the past few weeks, I've bumped shoulders with Scottish folks at World Cup watch parties and celebrated Juneteenth in the LGBTQ+ capital, Provincetown (also known as, Ptown). I'm looking forward to continuing my search for the best lobster roll!

Update 3: This week marks the midpoint of my internship at the Legal Services Center at Harvard Law School. This week also was the deadline for one of my first substantive assignments. I had the opportunity to research and to write parts of a brief that was submitted and filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. I am so grateful for the guidance I received from the clinic's professors and lawyers, as well as for the collaboration with my fellow



EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA

intern. I learned so much through this process, including my strength, passion, and love for brief writing and research. I look forward to exploring more about my interests as an advocate for the rest of the summer and beyond!

Update 4: My time this summer at the Legal Service Center at Harvard Law School has further clarified the important work to which I hope to contribute as a lawyer one day. Continuing to learn how to advocate for clients with the skills I have gained during my first year of law school has made me all the more excited to go into the rest of my legal education to gain more skills and more insights on the legal system. This reflection could not have come at a more perfect time when I am planning out the classes and clinics I hope to partake in during the remainder of my time in law school. I am also grateful for the opportunity I had to meet other EJA Fellows in the Boston community at the EJA Reception. It was a wonderful chance to connect and to reflect on the consequential work that each of us are doing.

Final Reflection: I can't believe it is already time to submit my final reflection. Spending my summer at the Legal Service Center at Harvard Law School has been so meaningful. I joined the Clinic with no direct services experience, but this opportunity allowed me to serve and work with multiple clients. I enjoyed any and every chance I got to hop on a call with a client and to hear about how their summer was going amidst the often-intense legal strategy work that was happening on my end. These check ins were a reprieve for me and reminded me of the daily opportunity I have to make a difference in both the big and the small ways. Being trusted with my clients' stories was not only a humbling experience but also a responsibility that called me in to be all the more technically precise. Furthermore, getting to work at LSC this summer meant that I was learning every minute of every day – whether that was through my clients or the Clinic's professors or even my fellow interns. I am so grateful for the collaborative and respectful environment.

I also thoroughly enjoyed my time in Boston. I found amazing community at some exciting events all throughout the summer. I went to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park as a New Yorker Yankees fan; I tried countless lobster rolls; and spent every weekend either by the Charles River esplanade or the Boston Common. Perhaps one of my favorite aspects of getting to live in the neighborhood where LSC is housed was volunteering at its neighboring non-profit partner, Community Servings. The organization runs food and nutrition programs, and so I was there every week with a hairnet and apron on packaging medically tailored meals. I hoped for a summer of true community service, and I feel that I was able to achieve this all around through both my time at Community Servings and the Legal Services Center.

I am immensely thankful for the support the Equal Justice America Fellowship. The Fellowship not only provided me financial assurance for such a rewarding summer but also empowered me to fully step into my responsibility and my strengths as a public interest attorney.