

## **My summer at Greater Boston Legal Services**

My summer at Greater Boston Legal Services was amazing. The population I worked with was immigrant women that have experienced Domestic Violence. I worked on the visa applications of three clients. My most memorable client was Edin. Edin was the most memorable client I had because he had a challenging case. I helped him apply for a visa as a derivative to his wife, who had previously been a victim of domestic violence.

Edin's application was challenging because he had factors in his application that rendered him inadmissible to enter into the United States. Therefore, as his student attorney I had to write an affidavit that would persuade Immigration officials reading Edin's application. I had to conduct multiple interviews with Edin and his family members. In these interviews, I had to put myself in the shoes of Edin's family and asked them personal questions regarding Edin's specific role in their lives. I helped Edin by writing a persuasive narrative highlighting Edin's vital role providing emotional and financial support to his family.

I was born in Honduras. As an immigrant myself I saw how families were separated during the visa application process. Thus, working on Edin's application meant a lot to me. I felt invested in his application because Edin's family was totally dependent on him being allowed to stay in the United States. It was my role in creating a winning application for Edin, despite the challenges. Without a visa, Edin would have to return to Guatemala. I felt invested in Edin's life. I did not want him to be separated from his family.