



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate A few weeks ago, I began my summer internship with [Ayuda](#), an organization that provides immigration and domestic violence legal services, as well as social services, to low-income immigrants in the DMV. As an immigration intern, I frequently meet with clients to prepare their applications for immigration status. Several of my clients are domestic violence survivors, so obtaining stable immigration status represents a huge step towards rebuilding their lives and living without fear. I am privileged to do this work with the support of [Equal Justice America](#), which helps expand the access to justice by funding law student internships with direct service legal organizations.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate It just occurred to me that I only have two weeks left of my internship with [Ayuda](#)! I've been working on lots of U Visas (visas for immigrant victims of certain crimes) and am looking to have everything filed with US Citizenship and Immigration Services before I finish my summer. When I leave my internship, Ayuda will rely on new legal interns to pick up where I left off and ensure that as many people have access to justice as possible.

Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate I just finished another busy week at my internship with [Ayuda](#)! On Wednesday, I helped file an application for permanent residency based on continuous residence in the U.S. since 1972. You almost never see these types of applications anymore due to the cut-off date, so it was fascinating to have the opportunity to work on this case. The client is a domestic abuse survivor and has previously experienced homelessness. Thanks to [Ayuda](#)'s important work, she is finally on her way to obtaining the green card she deserves.

Entry 4: Week of 7/30/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate I can't believe my summer internship with [Ayuda](#) has finally come to an end. I feel so lucky to have worked with such incredible, strong, and resilient clients. Despite all they've gone through, they keep moving forward and continue to be valuable members of our community. It was truly an honor to assist them with their immigration cases and help them achieve their goals. I am very grateful to [Equal Justice America](#) for funding my summer internship so that I could help [Ayuda](#) serve Washington, DC's immigrant population. If you would like to fund future law students' work with deserving non-profit organization, I encourage you to make a donation to [Equal Justice America](#)!