



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

As part of my ongoing [Equal Justice America](#) fellowship I have been asked to share a few updates about my experience this summer working at [Greater Boston Legal Services](#), and today I had an experience which offered a perfect opportunity to share what my time has been like so far. Today was my first ever court appearance as a 3:03 certified student attorney! I was so nervous all last week preparing and practicing for my oral argument and direct examination, only to have the judge grant our motion without barely a word on my end. I was shocked when I found myself to be disappointed, only because I had felt so prepared, and that feeling, along with the satisfaction of helping my client, was priceless.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

It's time for another [#EJAFellowUpdate](#).

In the past two weeks since my last post, I have learned so much at [Greater Boston Legal Services](#). One of the most important lessons I learned was how much different areas of the law intersect and how certain skills can be applied to different areas of the law. I began working on my first immigration case and found that a lot of what I had learned from my family law training was immensely helpful. These few weeks have made me even more excited to keep exploring different areas of the law and helped lessen fears of trying new or different things.



Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

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As I enter my 7th (!) week at [Greater Boston Legal Services](#) I have finally picked up a project more familiar to my summer associate and law clerk classmates: a legal research project. In between hearing dates this week I will be working on researching the legal validity of mahr, a provision contained in most marital agreements in Islamic law, in Massachusetts. I'm so excited to pick up this project, because I know my work will help my client enforce her rights, and will help me better understand her culture at the same time. As always I am so thankful for [Equal Justice America](#) for giving me the opportunity to pursue this sort of work.

Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018

Hi everyone! This is my final [#EJAFellowUpdate](#) for this summer and I can't believe how quickly my time at [Greater Boston Legal Services](#) has gone by.

I only have two short weeks left here before I head back to [Boston College Law School](#). Luckily I will be continuing to work with low income clients as part of the BC Civil Litigation Clinic. I have had such an amazing experience here at GBLS this summer and have learned so much. I am so thankful for [Equal Justice America](#) for making my work this summer possible. If you haven't yet donated to EJA to make civil public interest work like mine possible across the US, please consider doing so.