



**Unemployment
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My name is Michael Diller and I am the Regional President of the Unemployment Action Center (UAC). I supervised Jialu Li this Summer when she interned with us as an EJA fellow.

UAC represents unemployment insurance claimants in appeal hearings at the Department of Labor. The hearings are adversarial proceedings held before administrative law judges. Advocates perform direct and cross examination, and deliver short closing statements. They also handle cases from intake through the hearing itself, interviewing clients and conducting legal research to build a theory of the case. UAC advocates help secure a stable income for our clients, and also vindicate the rights of workers who may have been mistreated by their employer

As a summer intern with UAC, Jialu Li, performed all the of above duties. Over the course of her placement, Jialu argued eight hearings, winning nearly all of them. Arguing unemployment insurance hearings can be challenging work, particularly for law students, but Jialu handled her assignments with confidence and professionalism. She also had the opportunity to develop her legal writing skills by writing a brief to challenge an adverse decision from an administrative law judge. The final decision in that case has not yet been handed down, but Jialu did an excellent job combing through the record of the case and analyzing case law to prepare her brief.

It was a pleasure to have Jialu intern with us this summer, and we appreciate Equal Justice America's support. I can be reached at uacny.intake@gmail.com or at 347-633-2351, and would be happy to answer any other questions.

Best,

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