



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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EJA Fellowship: Greater Boston Legal Services, Family Law Unit

Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

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Over the past three weeks I have worked with the Family Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services as a Student Attorney. It has been an eye opening experience working with individuals who have gathered the strength to face their abusers and seek to improve their lives and the lives of their families. It is truly inspirational.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

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It is a month into my internship with Greater Boston Legal Services and I have had the opportunity to get some hands-on experience as a student attorney. I have argued at several motion hearings and gotten invaluable experience in interviewing and counseling clients. The opportunity to gain practical legal expertise and knowledge was made possible through funding provided by [Equal Justice America](#).

Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

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This week I got to do something that is every 1Ls CivPro dream: argue a 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss. It was an amazing opportunity to brush up on my civil procedure and use it in a larger legal context. Later that day, I also got to sit in on the Housing Court's eviction day. It was an eye opening experience to see the sheer amount of people in court that day who are struggling especially due to Boston's housing crisis. I'm proud to work for Greater Boston Legal Services who tries to help as many of these people as possible. Please consider supporting [Equal Justice America](#) so that I and my fellow coworkers can continue helping these disadvantaged individuals.

Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018

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It is amazing to think that my internship with Greater Boston Legal Services is almost coming to an end and the summer is almost over. The last 8 weeks have been a very rewarding experience both professionally and personally. Not only have I learned a lot about legal practice that will be beneficial for the beginning of my career as a lawyer, but I've also learned so much about those individuals who are often left behind because they cannot afford legal representation. My experience working with survivors of domestic violence will help shape my perspective for years to come.