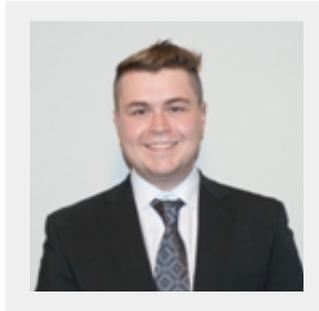




## Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



**Name:** Taylor Mitchell

**Law School:** University of Virginia

**EJA Fellowship:** Legal Aid Justice Center

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### **Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018**

#EJAFellowUpdate

This has been one he\*\* of a week, but the team at [Legal Aid Justice Center](#) did a kick a\*\* job of fighting for the rights of the women at Fluvanna Correctional Center to access to adequate medical care! I wouldn't have been able to be part of this team without [Equal Justice America](#). Please consider supporting EJA, so that work like this may continue.

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### **Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018**

#EJAFellowUpdate

After going to trial two weeks ago, the Civil Rights and Racial Justice Program at [Legal Aid Justice Center](#) is turning its attention back to the fight against the state of Virginia to stop suspending drivers licenses for failure to pay court fines. This practice disproportionately impacts indigent members of communities and people of color and needs to stop. If you know anyone in Virginia who has suffered because of this please refer them to Legal Aid, or consider donating to either LAJC or [Equal Justice America](#) to keep programs like this strong.

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### **Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018**

#EJAFellowUpdate

8 weeks into my internship with [Legal Aid Justice Center](#). We're still trying to find new plaintiffs for our class action suit to stop the suspension of drivers' licenses in Virginia! If Tennessee can do it, so it can we! Consider donating to [Equal Justice America](#) or LAJC to keep cases like this alive!

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### **Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018**

#EJAFellowUpdate

Wrapping up my final week at [Legal Aid Justice Center](#). It's been a pleasure working on cases for adequate medical care at FCCW, eliminating suspension of drivers licenses for court debt in VA, researching the lies ICE has told, and helping Charlottesville's new Civilian Review Board come to fruition. Highly recommend working with LAJC, they offer a number of Clinics at UVA Law. As always, considering donating to [Equal Justice America](#) or LAJC to help fund these programs.

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*Re: Evaluation of Taylor Mitchell's EJA-supported Summer Internship*

Dear Dan and Equal Justice America:

I will keep this brief. Taylor was a superstar intern for us. He came in and immediately added value to our team as we prepared to litigate a complex evidentiary hearing in federal court in a prison healthcare case. From document review, to research for pre-hearing motions, to exhibit prep, to on-the-spot research as issues arose during the hearing, Taylor did it all, and he did it well (including putting in late nights, weekends and even once running from the courthouse to our office and back with a key piece of evidence all while in professional attire in blazing heat). The scope and fast pace of the litigation required the quick exercise of sound judgment combined with solid understanding of several different legal issues related to our presentation of evidence, and Taylor delivered on both fronts. While we await a decision from the court in that case, we do so knowing we did everything in our power to try to bring relief to the nearly 1200 women at the prison who continue to suffer serious medical complications and the risk of death because of the currently inadequate healthcare system. Taylor was an integral part of that effort and more this summer (so much so that we cajoled him into being profiled by UVA Law School for his work over the summer and how it helped spur the creation of a new clinical offering).<sup>1</sup>

Thank you for making possible Taylor's outstanding contributions to the Legal Aid Justice Center- and to the fight for justice in Virginia- this summer. EJA's commitment to supporting students like Taylor is critical to the continued push for equal justice in America.

All the best,



Adeola Ogunkeyede  
Director, Civil Rights & Racial Justice Program  
Legal Aid Justice Center

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.law.virginia.edu/news/201807/law-school-offer-new-civil-rights-clinic>