



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow



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EJA Fellowship: Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate

Over the past several weeks I have worked with the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society in Richmond helping to support the representation of individuals in a variety of civil matters including family law and unemployment benefits cases. It has been eye-opening to witness the amount of legal need that goes unmet, which leaves individuals attempting to navigate the legal system alone.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

#EJAFellowUpdate

Recently, I had the opportunity to represent an individual at an administrative hearing. This experience highlighted the significant difference that having representation makes for someone who otherwise would have been without an advocate.

Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

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At my internship with the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, I have witnessed the enormous amount of urgent legal need in the community and I am inspired by the attorneys who devote their time as advocates for those who otherwise would lack representation. Through my fellowship, I have been able to contribute to their efforts.

Entry 4: Week of 7/23/2018

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Now that my internship with the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society has come to a close, I have reflected on my experience this summer. The amount of unmet legal need in Richmond and throughout Virginia was sobering. Having the opportunity to aid the attorneys advocating for individuals who would otherwise lack representation was very meaningful.