



Summer 2018 EJA Fellow

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EJA Fellowship: Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy Clinic

Entry 1: Week of 6/11/2018

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For the last few weeks, I have been working with the Special Education Advocacy PELE Clinic at William & Mary. I've had the opportunity to work directly with families in the Hampton Roads area to help advocate for their children with disabilities. It has been a busy and fulfilling two weeks preparing for and attending IEP meetings, researching special education and disability law, and building relationships with clients and my PELE team!

This opportunity was made possible by the good folks at Equal Justice America, a fellowship program that allows law students to pursue public interest jobs which provide legal aid to the less fortunate.

Entry 2: Week of 6/25/2018

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For the last month I have been working with the Special Education Advocacy PELE Clinic at William & Mary. I've had the opportunity to work directly with families in the Hampton Roads area to help advocate for their children with disabilities.

This week, I:

1. advocated for a local student at an eligibility meeting so that he can get the services he needs in order to learn effectively,
2. gave a joint presentation to the Department of Social Services on special education law, anti-discrimination law, and the rights of foster parents to participate in the IEP process, and
3. prepared for the quickly approaching ISEA Special Education Advocacy Conference.

I've loved these last four weeks preparing for and attending IEP meetings, researching disability law, and building relationships with my clients and co-workers!

Entry 3: Week of 7/9/2018

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For the last month and a half I have been working with the Special Education Advocacy PELE Clinic at William & Mary. I've had the opportunity to work directly with families in the Hampton Roads area to help advocate for their children with disabilities.

This week, I have been preparing to present to military families with children with disabilities to teach them how to advocate for their children. I've also been preparing for the upcoming ISEA conference, and working closely with clients.

I've loved these last six weeks preparing for and attending IEP meetings, researching disability law, and building relationships with my clients and co-workers!



Entry 4: Week of 7/23/18

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For the last two months I have been working with the Special Education Advocacy PELE Clinic at William & Mary. I've had the opportunity to work directly with families in the Hampton Roads area to help advocate for their children with disabilities.

Lately, I've been preparing for the upcoming Institute of Special Education Advocacy (ISEA) Conference, and working on online resources to help advocates and parents more effectively help their children.

I've loved these last eight weeks preparing for and attending IEP meetings, researching disability law, and building relationships with my clients and co-workers! This has been an awesome and fulfilling summer, and I will miss working at the clinic when my internship ends in a few weeks.

This opportunity was made possible by the good folks at [Equal Justice America](#), a fellowship program that allows law students to pursue public interest jobs which provide legal aid to the less fortunate. Please consider supporting Equal Justice America so that my work, and the work of my peers, may continue.