



Unemployment Action Center ◦ Student-run advocacy for low-income unemployment claimants

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This summer, I volunteered at the Unemployment Action Center at NYU where I represented around 2 claimants per week in their unemployment insurance claims. I did intake, called claimants, scheduled appointments, interviewed claimants, examined the case files, researched applicable law, pleaded cases in front of Administrative Law Judges at the Department of Labor in Brooklyn, NY and Garden City, NY. When claimants lose their employment, they can collect unemployment insurance if they lost their employment through no fault of their own. So, if they resign, it must be for good cause and if they were terminated, it must not be for misconduct.

I won all my cases except one which I am in the process of appealing. I filed motions and appellate briefs. The claimants I assisted were very grateful for my assistance, and were able to collect unemployment insurance benefits thanks to my representation. Benefits are up to \$450/week, or around \$11 000 total. While my internship was supposed to end on August 2nd, I continued to work part-time for free until August 26th to take care of appeals and reopenings of cases which I had already worked on.

Sincerely,
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