



## Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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**Fellowship:** Legal Services of Northern Virginia

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### Entry 1: June 12, 2019

I'll be spending my summer working at Legal Services of Northern Virginia alongside the attorneys to aid under-represented populations of Northern Virginia in matters of family law, housing law, and consumer law. Additionally, I have the pleasure of being an Equal Justice America Fellow. As part of my fellowship, I'll be updating everyone with the work I'm doing with LSNV.

During my first two weeks in the office, I have had the pleasure of meeting countless clients by sitting in during intake meetings, attending client outreach programs in the Fairfax County Courthouse, and attending court proceedings with LSNV attorneys. With a specific interest in family law, these first weeks at LSNV have exposed me to many different matters of family law, including guardianship, divorce, and custody. The work done by legal aid offices across the country is incredible and I am so excited to continue to learn about public interest law throughout the remainder of internship.

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### Entry 2:

I'm one month into my internship with Legal Services of Northern Virginia! These past few weeks have been a huge learning experience for me. I've had so many opportunities to meet with clients, research legal issues ranging from modification of child support to offers in compromise through the IRS.

In the coming weeks, I will be participating in a mock trial between the rest of the interns, helping draft discovery, and continuing to meet with clients seeking legal aid in family, housing, and consumer law.

This past month has been an incredible introduction into the world of legal aid.



### **Entry 3:**

Only two weeks left at Legal Services of Northern Virginia! I spent the past few weeks preparing for the Summer Law Clerk Mock Trial at the Fairfax County Courthouse. I was assigned to represent the Respondent in a case for a Protection Order for Familial Abuse. It was a great experience to argue in front of a sitting judge alongside other law students. Participating in the mock trial only reinforced my desire to do family litigation.

My time as an Equal Justice America Fellow has been incredibly rewarding and eye-opening. Working with underrepresented clients is exactly why I wanted to go to law school. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to work with these people every day and learn how to better represent all clients.

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### **Entry 4:**

This is my final update as an Equal Justice America Fellow, as my internship at Legal Services of Northern Virginia comes to an end. I'm so elated with my decision to spend my 1L summer in legal aid, serving underrepresented members of my home state. Legal Services allowed me a hands-on summer, working in multiple areas of the law, and exploring my passion for family law. This summer I wrote many memos, discovery requests, motions, and affidavits. I feel so much more confident in my legal writing and client management skills. I cannot thank the staff at LSNV enough for allowing me to join them for a summer. Additionally, I cannot thank everyone who donated enough. Your donations not only help my goal of serving indigent and underrepresented clients, but also help me to work in a field that means so much to me.