Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:

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Fellowship: Public Counsel

Entry 1: 6/07/19

I have completed two weeks with Public Counsel's Community Development Project. During these past two weeks I have been conducting intakes for potential new clients and collaborating on continuing projects within the department. I am grateful for this experience to learn from such amazing advocates in the field. I am proud to be an Equal Justice America Fellow and will follow up with this check-in in another two weeks!

Entry 2: 6/21/19

It has been an amazing month working with Public Counsel's Community Development Project! Being able to experience how policy implementation, public interest legal advocacy, and transactional legal work can all blend together to create community-driven development has been transformational. I look forward to continue learning over the summer. I will follow up with this check-in in another two weeks!

Entry 3: 7/12/19

Over the past couple of weeks, I have gotten to observe and take part in the intake and completion of various projects assisting early child care providers, small businesses, and community focused non-profit organizations. I continue to learn of interesting ways that transactional legal work can be used as a tool for the public interest. I am so grateful for this experience to learn from leaders in the field of community economic development and look forward to continuing this work. I will follow up with this check-in in another two weeks!

Entry 4: 7/29/19

This was such a great opportunity and I could not have asked for a better summer internship opportunity. I've learned so much working with Public Counsel's Community Development Project and I am beyond grateful for the opportunity. Thank you so much to Equal Justice America for making this summer opportunity possible.