



Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:

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Fellowship: Michigan Legal Help

Duration: June 3rd - August 9th

Entry 1:

Prior to beginning my clerkship with Michigan Legal Help, I attended the Institute for Future Lawyers Practice #IFLP three-week bootcamp. The bootcamp focused on how to utilize design thinking, data analytics, project management, technology and business tools to enhance the delivery of legal services. By leveraging the legal industries best practice, we learn how the delivery of legal services is changing and improving. For example, Hana Kaufman, from Lawyers Trust Fund Illinois, gave a demo of Reintervention. A platform to help serve community members in Chicago with legal housing questions and issues.

Entry 2: June 19 2019

Over the past week I have been orienting myself with the Michigan Legal Help website. Michigan Legal Help provides information serving low income per se litigants. I have been training to support the live chat function which provides real time answers to people who need to find answers to their legal problems. I was assigned several research projects to help enhance website content and am writing a memo on the appeal process for rejection, termination or reduction of public benefits.

Entry 3: June 19 2019

This week I attended the Michigan Justice for All taskforce meeting with Michigan Legal Help's executive director Angela Tripp. The meeting was held in the Michigan Hall of Justice and brings together members of the Michigan Supreme Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court, the State Court Administrative Office, the Michigan State Bar, the Michigan Bar Foundation, the Library of Michigan, and community representatives from Legal Aid organizations from across the state. The Justice for All task force is working on a statewide comprehensive effort to identify justice gaps and remove barriers. This was only the second meeting and I was able to learn about the plans the group has for the coming 18 months to provide meaningful access to justice for all.



Entry 4: July 10th

This week I am preparing an outreach presentation to train community members how to use an expungement training tool for the expungement fair that will be held in Washtenaw county in the fall. The tool helps identify candidates for the expungement process.

Entry 5: August 9th

After 10 weeks, I have had the opportunity to learn about legal issues facing Michigan residents on a daily basis. Through Live Help, I helped per se litigants find information they needed to navigate the court system. I worked on memos and articles to expand the library of information Michigan Legal Help offers. It has been a rewarding experience.