



## Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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**Fellowship:** Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

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### Entry 1:

Over the past several weeks, I have begun my summer internship at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project - Tacoma office. In this role, I am fortunate enough to be working in both the office's detained direct representation unit, representing one client in his bond case and another client in his cancellation of removal case, as well as part of the Legal Orientation Program (through the Vera Institute of Justice), which educates detained immigrants about their rights and the immigration court process so that they can make informed decisions about their legal cases. I'm learning an immense amount from the talented and dedicated staff at NWIRP and I'm looking forward to continuing to use my legal education to protect the rights of immigrant communities and fight back against the injustices they face.

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### Entry 2:

The work of my colleagues at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, where I am a legal intern this summer, feels particularly salient as we see egregious human rights violations taking place both on our Southern border and at detention centers across the United States. Please consider donating to Equal Justice America so that legal fellows can continue to support organizations such as NWIRP.

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### Entry 3:

It's hard to believe my last week at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project is already here! I spent much of the summer preparing for my client's Individual Hearing, which we argued last week at the detained court in Tacoma, WA. After legal arguments and testimony from my client and his family, the judge granted my client cancellation of removal, meaning he can stay in the United States and keep his green card. It was incredibly gratifying to be able to see all our hard work come to fruition and for my client to have a chance to tell his story. I'm so appreciative for NWIRP's staff for the fight they bring on behalf of so many clients every day.

**Entry 4:**

As summer draws to a close and I look ahead to returning to school, I'm grateful to have spent the summer deepening my legal advocacy skills, learning about the immigration legal system, and continuing to use my legal education to work on behalf of marginalized communities. Many thanks to the incredible staff at NWIRP for facilitating such an important learning experience and to Equal Justice America for helping to fund my work this summer. Please consider donating to Equal Justice America so that my work, and the work of my peers, may continue.