



Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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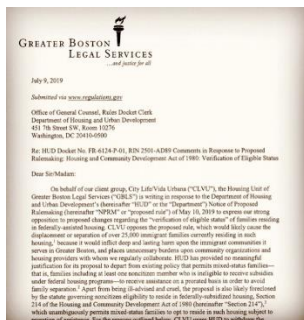
Law School: Stanford

Fellowship: Greater Boston Legal Services

Entry 1:

Greater Boston Legal Services works to provide high-quality legal assistance to low-income clients on a wide range of issues, from housing and employment (my units), to family law, immigration, and disability. Working closely with individual clients and community groups gives attorneys on-the-ground perspective on the systemic problems our clients face, and deeply informs both impact litigation and policy advocacy. 80% of people living in poverty don't get access to legal services when they need it, and @Equal Justice America is working hard to close the gap, by funding law students to spend our summers working at these critical organizations, and I'm fortunate to be one of 2019 fellows. So far, I've been lucky to get to work directly with clients, join community meetings, and support a wide range of research and litigation needs on both housing and employment issues.

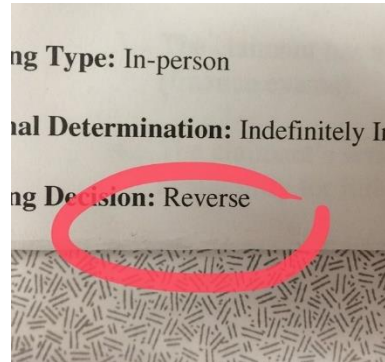
Entry 2:



Recently the Trump Administration proposed a rule to effectively force immigrant families out of public housing, on the pretextual argument that doing so would bring housing regulations into better alignment with statute. I read the statute (spoiler alert, that's not what it says) as part of a project to help put together a public comment on behalf of Greater Boston Legal Services' clients at City Life/Vida Urbana. Over 30,000 people and organizations wrote comments in response to the proposed rule.



Entry 3:



Found the decision letter from my first unemployment hearing when I was clearing out my desk yesterday—the client had been initially incorrectly denied his benefits, so this decision *reversed* the denial (which in plain English means they fixed it, so he is now receiving the benefits he’s eligible for).

Entry 4:



Gonna miss this church basement, and all of the space that it holds for this community. Thanks to City Life / Vida Urbana, GBLS, and EJA for making it possible for me to be here every week this summer. Please consider donating to Equal Justice America so that my work, and the work of my peers, may continue.