



Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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Entry 1: June 13, 2019

My first couple weeks at Washington Lawyers' Committee have been very informative! Starting from the first day of orientation my fellow interns and I have attended numerous "lunch and learns" where lawyers from the office have given presentations on their area of expertise. So far we have heard about wage and hour litigation, prisoners' rights, police brutality, housing discrimination, and education access. Hearing about the numerous injustices in the DMV area has been difficult, but I am grateful to be working with an organization that is dedicated to fixing these issues with a dynamic approach that includes litigation, advocacy and policy work. So far, I have been given my own research assignments that have focused on housing discrimination and discriminatory education practices in local schools. I look forward to what the rest of this internship will bring and as an Equal Justice America Fellow I am excited for you all to be a part of my journey this summer.

Entry 2: July 8, 2019

I am a little over halfway through my internship at Washington Lawyers Committee. I can't believe how fast time has gone by! Each week I have been getting more and more exposure to new topics and areas of interest. In the past couple weeks, I have been able to attend a motion to dismiss hearing in a case involving discriminatory treatment by a police department and I was able to observe a wage and hour case, where workers were not getting paid for numerous hours of work time, which ended in a settlement. I am looking forward to my last couple of jam-packed weeks here at Washington Lawyers Committee and will keep you updated!

Entry 3: July 22, 2019

One of the best experiences I have had this summer was working at WLC's Workers' Rights Clinic last Friday. The clinic assists low income workers with a variety of employment related legal issues. Clinics usually operate



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on a walk-in basis, so you really don't know what type of issue a person will bring to an intake meeting. We had one client that came in for a denial of wages/pay issue but by talking through the facts with him and reviewing the papers he brought in we also found that he had not been paid overtime. That same day we were able to draft a demand letter to his former employer that he could send out on his own. It is so rewarding to work directly with clients and provide assistance that will make their lives better. I am glad I am an EJA Fellow and I get to share why direct service work is so important!

Entry 4: August 5, 2019

Sadly, my internship has come to an end. I can't believe 10 weeks flew by so quickly! This summer I have had the privilege to work with amazing Washington Lawyers Committee staff and I have learned so much from them. I am grateful for WLC allowing me to have this experience this summer and Equal Justice America for providing funding support. Now that I am back in Philadelphia, getting ready to start my 3L year at Temple Law in just a few weeks, I will bring the knowledge and skills I gained this summer to my courses and volunteer work throughout the school year.

Please support Equal Justice America so other students can have a rewarding, impactful summer like I did!