Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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Fellowship: Colorado Legal Services (Denver)

Entry 1:

As some of you know, I was generously selected as an Equal Justice America Fellow this summer, and I am working in the Consumer Unit at Colorado Legal Services here in Denver. I will be providing updates throughout my internship to support EJA and their amazing mission! I have learned so much about debt collection and bankruptcy in my first two weeks, but the best part of the job is definitely the people. I love the helpful and knowledgeable staff at CLS, and when I listen to clients' stories and fight to resolve their legal issues, I feel like I am finally right where I am supposed to be. I have already had some amazing cases and I'm really excited to see how the legal issues develop and resolve. Thank you EJA! Please visit the link below to see how you can help EJA.

Entry 2:

I have been loving my job and the consumer unit at CLS this summer, and I am posting to say thank you to EJA for making it possible!

The most rewarding moment of my summer so far came when I FINALLY got my client qualified as a non-borrowing spouse with HUD after her husband died. I fought through a lot of red tape, but in the end, our work meant she didn't have to pay back her husband's reverse mortgage upon his passing and lose her home. It is moments like these that make me so happy to be on my way to a legal career.

Please give to EJA if you can. They help people like me help people who need legal assistance but can't afford to hire a private attorney.

Entry 3:

I cannot believe this is my last week at CLS. These 10 weeks flew by, but in that time, I worked on over 25 cases and helped several people resolve their legal issues from start to finish. I could not have asked for a better team or experience at my first legal job.

This morning, our unit received "dundies" from our supervising attorney Jose Vasquez (who loves The Office so much he has a "World's Best Boss" mug). I won "Most Polite Intern; So Polite She Might Just Come to Your House and Help You Sort Through Your Financial Papers Award." Also awarded was the "Has Anyone Seen Paul? Award," the "I Think That Might Be An FDCPA Violation Award," and the "Hippest Staff Attorney Award" for an attorney in housing recovering from a hip replacement. I worked hard this summer, but I had such a great time doing it. Thanks CLS and thanks EJA!

