



## Summer 2019 EJA Fellow:



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**Fellowship:** Public Law Center, Immigration Unit

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### Entry 1:

This summer I have the opportunity to work in Santa Ana at the Public Law Center (PLC), an organization that provides pro bono legal services to low-income residents in Orange County. As a law clerk for the Immigration Unit, I attend trainings, work closely with staff to prepare petitions and participate in clinics where attendees are given a Know Your Rights presentation, speak to an immigration attorney and receive legal advice free of charge.

Below is a picture of me with two other PLC clerks at the organization's annual Volunteers for Justice dinner. It is through fundraising efforts such as this that PLC is able to serve the needs of low-income clients. As a law student, aspiring immigration attorney and Orange County native, the opportunity to contribute to PLC's mission is particularly special.

It is with the support of another incredible organization, Equal Justice America (EJA), that I've been able to have this unique experience. EJA provides funding for law students that work with organizations such as PLC.





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**Entry 2:**

I've included a picture from this month's Adjustment of Status clinic hosted by the Public Law Center (PLC) at the O'Melveny and Myers office in Newport Beach. Thirteen clients received help from an attorney in filing for Permanent Residence free of charge.

This summer I've had the opportunity to participate in three clinics hosted by PLC. The most rewarding component has been to work alongside PLC to relieve the financial burden that comes with obtaining an attorney.



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**Entry 3:**

I've included a picture of me with a fellow summer clerk and two PLC attorneys. This summer I had the opportunity to help in multiple removal defense cases. This experience was a unique opportunity for professional growth and I am thankful to have been able to learn from and be mentored by attorneys who are passionate about their work. Please consider supporting Equal Justice America so that law students and non-profits can continue to work together to provide legal services to vulnerable communities.

