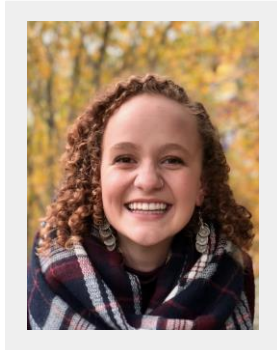




Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Organization: Greater Boston Legal Services

Week of June 15th

I want to thank Equal Justice America for the opportunity to be an EJA Fellow this summer and Greater Boston Legal Services for hosting me as a legal intern in their housing unit. I am now entering my fifth week with the Housing Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services and I have absolutely loved learning more about housing law, especially in the era of COVID-19. Seeing the new challenges that have been presented in light of the ongoing public health crisis has been incredibly illuminating. I am so honored to learn from both the lawyers at GBLS and at other legal services organizations as they navigate this new legal environment and advocate for tenants and homeowners facing housing insecurity. I look forward to working with GBLS for the next 5 weeks and I am excited to learn more about the impact advocacy and community lawyering models.

Week of July 6th

I want to once again thank Equal Justice America for the opportunity to be an EJA Fellow this summer and Greater Boston Legal Services for hosting me as a legal intern in their housing unit. I am now finishing my eighth week with the GBLS Housing Unit. I am so grateful and honored that I have had the chance to learn from and help the attorneys and community organizers as they advocate for the necessary protection of tenants and homeowners amidst the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Boston's already existing and racially disparate housing crisis has been exacerbated due to the financial and medical devastation of the continued spread of COVID-19. It is thus paramount to continue supporting tenants and homeowners who are most at risk both for displacement or eviction as well as most at risk for COVID-19. I look forward to learning more from the incredible advocates in the housing law community in my remaining weeks at GBLS.



Week of July 27th

I want to once again thank Equal Justice America for the opportunity to be an #EJAFellow this summer and Greater Boston Legal Services for hosting me as a legal intern in their housing unit. I have officially completed my summer internship with the GBLS Housing Unit and I am so grateful for each case and project I had the chance to take part in over this summer. I am so inspired by the continued work being done by GBLS, their community partners and other legal service organizations to advocate for the Massachusetts Eviction Moratorium's necessary protection of tenants and homeowners amidst the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to following this continuing litigation and using the skills and knowledge I developed over the summer to become a stronger and more effective advocate.