# **Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:**



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#### Week of June 15th

This year I was generously selected for a fellowship with Equal Justice America and am currently working at New York Legal Assistance Group for the summer. NYLAG is an organization that is committed to use the power of law to help disadvantaged New Yorkers combat social and economic injustice. Specifically, I have been working in the Consumer Protection Unit helping clients navigate their way through debt related cases. Since I am just at the start of my internship, I have primarily been sitting in on client calls, attending team meetings, and conducting legal research. I am just trying to absorb all that I can because NYLAG is as busy as ever! And with all that is happening throughout the country, now is the time when organizations like NYLAG who provide civil legal services are needed the most.

Please consider supporting Equal Justice America in their efforts to fund and encourage law students around the country to choose to pursue a career in civil legal services.

#### Week of July 6th

I am loving working as a Summer Intern at New York Legal Assistance Group. I've started drafting more legal documents and speaking with clients about various debt related issues they are having. Right now I am working with my supervising attorney on completing an application for one of our clients to be excused from a large amount of debt she accrued at a deceitful for-profit school. I am so thankful that I get to be a part of the process and help in any way I can!

### Week of July 27th

Time for my next EJA Fellow Update! I am still meeting with clients, conducting legal research, and drafting various court documents. Right now I am working on an Order to Show Cause to vacate a default judgement because our client was not properly served. It has been such an interesting experience because I have been able to connect what I learned in my 1L Civ Pro classroom to the real world! I am very excited to see what else I can learn and assist with during my last few weeks at New York Legal Assistance Group.

## Week of August 10th

The time has come for my last EJA Fellow Update. Last week I finished up my internship at New York Legal Assistance Group. I am very grateful that NYLAG worked so hard to create an enriching virtual experience for all of their summer interns on such short notice. Despite the remote nature of the internship, I feel like I learned so much from my supervising attorneys. Not only did I learn practical skills that will make me a better lawyer, but I also learned on a much deeper level what it means to truly provide assistance to others. Thank you NYLAG!