



Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Immigrant Rights Clinic

Week of June 15th

I am grateful for the opportunity to spend my summer at the Lincoln Square Legal Services Inc. Immigrant Rights Clinic and to have been chosen as an Equal Justice America Fellow.

Throughout the summer, I will continue to work on U nonimmigrant status and an asylum case. A U nonimmigrant status (a U visa) is a type of visa set aside for victims of crimes who have suffered substantial mental and physical abuse in the U.S. and are willing to assist law enforcement and government officials. The process often takes many years. As a Spanish speaker, I have also been translating. It has been great to use both my Spanish and legal skills.

I am looking forward to working at the clinic and getting to know our clients more. Although it has only been a few weeks, this experience has enhanced my time at Fordham University School of Law.

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Week of July 6th

Hello! This is my second EJA fellow update. Last week I had a chance to attend a training on asylum. There is currently a new proposed rule that would change regulations for asylum. It is open for comments from the public until July 15th. Please let me know if you would like to learn more about the notice and comment process.

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Week of July 27th

Hello! This is my third EJA fellow update! My time with the Immigrant Rights Clinic is almost over.

I have had the opportunity to work on an employment authorization application. It has been a great experience to work beyond intake and build relationships with our clients.

I have also done country conditions research for our clients' applications.

It's been great to see different aspects of the application process and to be involved in the interview process.

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Week of August 10th

It's hard to believe it's already nearly the end of summer. I am grateful for Fordham University School of Law and Equal Justice America for the opportunity to work at the Immigrant Rights Clinic Lincoln Square Legal Services Inc.

I have learned so much about immigration and client advocacy. From working on an employment authorization application and a U-visa application to translating documents, this summer has been full of new experiences. I have learned that advocacy is present in all stages of putting together an application, not only in submitting it.

I am grateful for my clients and their willingness to share their stories. I appreciate their time and how communicative they were in this unique remote office setting. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

Although this is my final update, Equal Justice America continues to fund these types of legal opportunities for law students. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about my experience. Thank you to everyone who provided support and guidance this summer.