



## Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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### Week of June 15th

(Email) Dear family and friends,

I hope that you are all doing well, even amidst the challenges of the past several months! As part of my law school experience, I am spending this summer working as a law clerk with Bread for the City, a DC organization dedicated to building power in communities with low income. In that capacity, I am working with the housing, public benefits, family, and community lawyering units in Bread for the City's legal clinic to provide assistance to DC residents facing issues including eviction, lack of public benefits, and domestic violence.

Bread for the City is uniquely equipped to meet the intersectional needs of people experiencing systemic racial and economic injustice by offering a combination of legal, social, and medical services. For example, individuals who reach out to Bread for the City for food or medical services may also end up being legal services clients if their underlying health needs are related to lack of access to public benefits or stable housing. Similarly, individuals who come to Bread for the City for legal assistance because their public benefits have been cut off may be referred to food and employment services in order to help meet those needs that dovetail with their legal problems. I have long hoped that I would have the opportunity to work with Bread for the City and learn from their outstanding model of care and feel incredibly fortunate to be able to do so this summer.

My position with Bread for the City is funded by Equal Justice America, which helps provide funding for free legal services across the U.S. As an Equal Justice America fellow, I have an obligation to pay forward the support I have received by fundraising for the organization. **If you feel able to do so during this time, I would very much appreciate it if you would consider donating to Equal Justice America.** Donations are tax-deductible, and a portion of your donation will help fund my fellowship. Any help in spreading the word about my fundraiser is also appreciated. Regardless of whether you are able to donate, I am thankful for all the ways in which my family and friends are already supporting my education and legal services work. I love working in legal services, and I am always happy to share more about my experiences. I appreciate your consideration of support.

Thanks,  
Tamar



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## Week of July 6th

(Email) Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to follow-up on my previous email about my effort to fundraise for Equal Justice America. THANK YOU to all of you who donated! I saw that there were some anonymous donors who gave to my campaign, and I can't thank you enough. Your generosity goes a long way in enabling me and students like me to pursue a career in public interest law. The past few weeks have been challenging for so many, so your generosity is extra appreciated in this time. I have about three more weeks working at Bread for the City this summer, and I have been loving it. If anybody would like to learn more about Bread for the City, please let me know! I would love to speak to anybody who is interested to learn more, and in general, am always happy to connect in this time that we are physically isolated from each other. Thank you again, take care, and please be in touch!

Thanks,

Tamar

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## Week of July 27th

(On Twitter) I've been fortunate enough to spend my first summer at @GeorgetownLaw working at @BreadfortheCity and couldn't have done it without the support of @EqualJusticeAm. Hoping my network can help me pay it forward here: <http://bit.ly/EJASummer2020> #EJAfellowupdate

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## Week of August 10th

(Mass text) Hi friends! I'm so sorry to bug you, but I'm reaching out because you all have been so supportive of my work at Bread for the City through my summer internship, and it means a lot to me. As part of my funding, I am asked to do some fundraising so that other students can also benefit from funding for their public interest law jobs. If you are able, you can donate here:

<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2790603>. If I can ever be supportive of the great work, I know you all are doing, please reach out! Sorry again to be asking for money during a time when I know resources are tight.