



## Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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### Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>

This summer, I have been working with Bronx Legal Services. Direct legal services that focus on economic justice are so important, especially in the time of COVID-19. I am eager to continue to learn from this important work and from this field. @EqualJusticeAm As an EJA Fellow this summer, I am excited to be a part of a network of others who recognize the importance of legal aid and economic justice.

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### Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>

As a part of our internship this summer at Bronx Legal Services, the interns and staff have been participating in a book club reading The Color of Law. Continuing education and discussions on how to actively be anti-racist are crucial to the work at Bronx Legal Services. @EqualJusticeAm As an EJA Fellow this summer, I am excited to be a part of a network of others who recognize the importance of legal aid and economic justice.

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### Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>

As I am approaching the end of my summer internship at Bronx Legal Services, I have been reflecting on the experience I have had. I have learned so much this summer and have especially learned the importance of direct legal services. Providing direct legal services amidst a global pandemic has demonstrated how crucial these services are. It has been amazing to be a part of a team that celebrates and is committed to this important work.



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## Week of August 10th

This summer at Bronx Legal Services has been extremely important to my development as a future public interest lawyer. Not only have I learned crucial legal skills, but I have also learned the true value of direct legal services. Working in the midst of COVID-19 provided many unique challenges to clients that had to be handled with the utmost of care. The staff at Bronx Legal Services were committed to their clients and committed to being problem solvers. It has been a pleasure to learn from the leaders in the field of public interest law. I am eager to continue my legal education and eager to continue to work towards my career in public interest law.