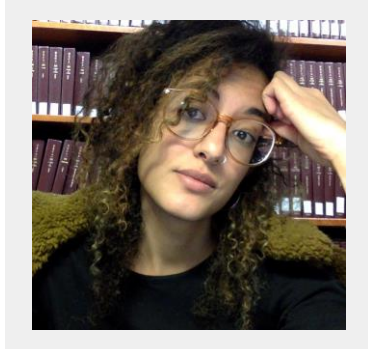




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### Week of June 15th

As part of my Equal Justice America Fellowship this summer, I will be sharing the work I'm involved with at the ACLU of Pennsylvania. A few weeks ago, I started my 1L summer internship with ACLU PA's immigrants' rights team. While the work is all remote due to this unprecedented global pandemic, I have been shadowing the attorneys and conducting work independently on various projects. More recently, I have assisted in writing, legal research, and general support in a federal class action on behalf of medically vulnerable people who are in civil immigration detention in Pennsylvania.

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### Week of July 6th

As part of my Equal Justice America Fellowship this summer, I am continuing to share the work I'm involved with at the ACLU of Pennsylvania. Over the past few weeks, we've kept busy pursuing pending federal class action litigation on behalf of medically vulnerable people held in civil immigration detention in Pennsylvania. In addition to legal research and drafting motions with pressing deadlines, I had the opportunity to watch ACLU PA's Legal Director argue before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. More recently, I have also been involved with research and drafting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding federal immigration officials' use of facial recognition technology.

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## **Week of July 27th**

As part of my Equal Justice America Fellowship this summer, I am continuing to share the work I'm involved with at the ACLU of Pennsylvania. As I finish up my last official week here, I have continued working on pending federal class action litigation on behalf of medically vulnerable people held in civil immigration detention in Pennsylvania. In addition to conducting legal research, I recently had the opportunity to interview some of our detained clients. Assisting in the fact gathering process was among my most memorable and eye-opening experiences this summer, as I continue to work alongside the incredible attorneys from ACLU PA and ACLU National. @templelaw @aclupa

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## **Week of August 10th**

As part of my Equal Justice America Fellowship this summer, I am sharing this final post about the work I was involved with at the ACLU of Pennsylvania. For the last ten weeks, I was part of a team with ACLU PA and ACLU National attorneys working on pending federal class action litigation on behalf of medically vulnerable people held in civil immigration detention in Pennsylvania. In addition to work on the case, I drafted a Freedom of Information Act Request that the ACLU-PA will be submitting soon to a federal agency. Learning about the power and importance of government transparency through FOIA was one of many lessons I learned this summer!

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