



Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Organization: Legal Aid Justice Center

Week of June 15th:

Exciting update! This summer, I'm spending my days working at the Legal Aid Justice Center as an Economic Justice Program intern. LAJC is among the many legal aid organizations across the country providing free legal services for people who can't afford them. Legal representation is expensive, which means that often the only people able to effectively advocate for their rights in court are people with money to burn. I'm proud to be spending my summer with an organization that's working to close that gap.

I'm especially grateful to University of Virginia School of Law and Equal Justice America for funding my summer internship. Legal aids like LAJC often don't have the funds to pay for large classes of summer interns to do the work I get to do this summer. Throughout the summer, I'll be posting updates on that work; if it looks worthwhile to you, I hope you'll consider supporting future Equal Justice America fellows and supporting LAJC.

Week of July 6th:

Time for another EJA Fellow Update! Last week, I got to represent a client in my first ever hearing. In Virginia, you don't have to be a licensed attorney to represent someone in a Virginia Employment Commission hearing, so I was able to practice my skills as an "intorney" under the guidance of some amazing lawyers at the Legal Aid Justice Center! It was such an honor to be able to provide legal representation to someone who otherwise would have been representing herself. If you think everyone deserves legal representation, I hope you'll consider supporting Equal Justice America as they seek to close the justice gap!



Week of July 27th:

EJA Fellow Update time! It's hard to believe that my time at the Legal Aid Justice Center has come to an end. Thanks to the amazing work they do, I was able to keep helping clients right to the end; in my last hour on the job, I got to break out my language skills and help someone fill out a Medicaid application in Spanish! I'm so grateful to UVA Law and Equal Justice America for supporting my work this summer. If you're able, I hope you'll consider supporting them.

Week of August 10th:

Time for one last EJA Fellow Update! Even though my summer internship at the Legal Aid Justice Center has come to an end, my EJA fellowship has helped keep the bills paid while I continue donating my time to organizations that seek to close the justice gap. This month, I've been volunteering with the Virginia Poverty Law Center's Eviction Legal Helpline, which provides legal advice to anyone facing an eviction in the state of Virginia. A huge shout-out to the University of Virginia School of Law and Equal Justice America for making this summer possible!