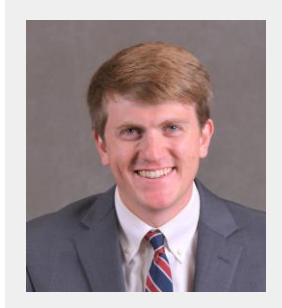




Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



Name: Bob Neel

Law School: Washington University in St. Louis

Organization: Chicago Legal Aid

Week of June 15th

This summer, I have received the wonderful opportunity to work at Legal Aid Chicago in their Children and Families division as an Equal Justice America fellow. In just my first couple of weeks, I have gotten the opportunity to perform client intakes and draft meaningful documents. My work has allowed me to help facilitate the protection of many families in the Cook County region, while also substantively contributing to my practical legal education. I am grateful to Equal Justice America for providing funding for this internship, and I look forward to the rest of the summer at Legal Aid Chicago!

Week of July 6th

As I pass the halfway mark of my internship at Legal Aid Chicago as an Equal Justice America Fellow, I continue to learn so much about the Children and Families practice. Now, in addition to the base of my work in providing divorces, orders of protection, and child welfare advocacy, recently I have received the opportunity to work on elder law cases. Specifically, I have done research and drafting for multiple elder financial exploitation cases, which occur at a regular rate throughout Cook County. My new experience in elder law is just one aspect of many that I have now learned in my time at Legal Aid Chicago. Big thanks to Equal Justice America for helping fund my work at Legal Aid Chicago and for their commitment to encouraging underrepresented legal work throughout the country.

Week of July 27th

As I complete my final week of my internship at Legal Aid Chicago as an Equal Justice America fellow, I have been able to take time to reflect on the totality of my internship experience and what an impact it has made on me as a law student, and future lawyer. I am grateful for the opportunities provided to



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work on client-facing, high-need issues to provide safety and better outcomes for children and families. Additionally, this internship has taught me a broad range of practical drafting and client management skills, which I will implement throughout my career.

Week of August 10th

I am now a week removed from my time at Legal Aid Chicago as an Equal Justice America Fellow and I want to take the time to highlight how grateful I am for the opportunity EJA has helped provide me. At Legal Aid Chicago, in their Children and Families practice, I was able to receive substantive work and direct client experience with folks who are sorely underrepresented in the legal field. The lessons I learned about client management, court operations, and legal drafting, I will take back to school and well into my career. By providing funding to law students doing this important work, EJA not only helps provide experience to legal students, but it also makes an immense impact developing future lawyers for public interest legal work.