



Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Week of June 15th

Two weeks ago, I began my remote internship with New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), an organization that provides a range of free legal services to individuals who otherwise could not afford them. I am working in the Special Education Unit, which focuses on ensuring that all children receive the quality education to which they are entitled. I have already had the opportunity to hear from and speak to incredible parents fighting for their children while their families also navigate the challenges and sometimes impossibilities of remote learning and economic hardship due to the pandemic. I am grateful to be interning with a team of attorneys who zealously advocate for their clients and are so willing to share their knowledge with me this summer. I am also thankful to Equal Justice America for their support.

Week of July 6th

It's time for an EJA Fellow Update! I am now past the halfway point in my internship at NYLAG. The most rewarding part of my work so far has been interacting with the parents of the children we represent. These parents fight year after year to ensure that their children receive the services they need. Parents shouldn't have to sue for their children to receive an appropriate education, but they do. I am grateful for organizations like NYLAG that support these families and to be a small part of that effort. Thank you again to Equal Justice America for supplementing my funding for the summer.

Week of July 27th

It's hard to believe that my summer at NYLAG is almost over. Free legal services are essential for so many families in New York to secure the education their children deserve. I had an amazing experience this summer working with a great team of talented attorneys and many incredible parents who are fighting for their children's education. Thank you to EJA for supplementing my funding this summer.