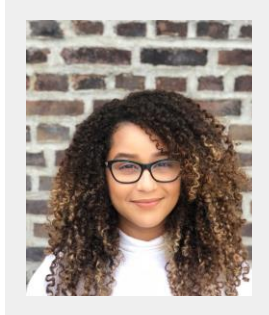




Summer 2020 EJA Fellow:



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Organization: LatinoJustice

Week of June 15th

EJA Fellow Update: From urging NYS legislators to Repeal 50a to advocating on behalf of day laborers evicted during COVID-19, I hit the ground running at LatinoJustice this month. Grateful to be a first-gen law student at a leading civil rights org during this historical juncture!

Week of July 6th

This past week I was able to meet with potential clients who experienced hate crimes based on their Latinx heritage. Legal issues like these have such a personal component as a Latinx lawyer to be. They remind me that the law can be used as a force for good and justice and I feel honored to be able to be a bridge to justice for folks who need it.

Week of July 27th

During my final week at LatinoJustice, I was able to submit comments of opposition on legislative changes that would have an adverse impact on pan-Latinx communities in the U.S. I wrote testimony to advocate for equitable representation of New York immigrant communities in NYC and I felt a great sense of honor in my daily grind.

Week of August 10th

I move into a new semester with a renewed sense of purpose and direction. Spending the summer at LatinoJustice put into focus the need for lawyers in the civil rights movements. We can lend our training to support communities and movements and leverage our legal education for the betterment of society around us. Feeling extra proud to be a law student in this time!