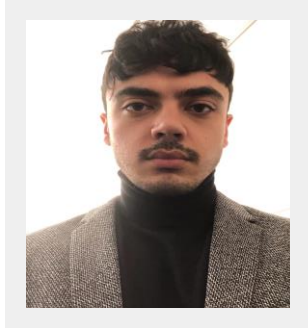




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Update 1:

Today marks the first week of my internship with The Legal Aid Society, for which I am very lucky to be supported by my fellowship with Equal Justice America.

Although I am an immigrant myself, the past 7 days have been extremely eye-opening. The thing that has stood out to me the most is the intrinsic nature of our system is designed to exclude immigrants from becoming acknowledged members of our society. Namely, detention facilities that keep families, undocumented and documented immigrants, survivors of torture, asylum seekers, pregnant women, children, and individuals who are seriously ill without proper medication or care. These centers serve minor purpose, while better alternatives such as combination of reporting and electronic monitoring are available. While the system remains unchanged, we must continue to work and people in need navigate a system designed to work against them. Equal Justice America helps many students like me pursue this important work.

Update 2:

Summer and my amazing internship at the Legal Aid Society is speeding by. Over the past few days, I have been working on research regarding the differences in acquiescence standard between the Second and the Third Circuit. Given that I had no prior experience with the Third Circuit precedent I am learning quite a lot. I am also very grateful to work with a very helpful and kind staff at the Legal Aid Society. They make sure to schedule weekly check-ins and other training opportunities. Although we are not communicating in person, they always make themselves available over video to answer any questions.

Update 3:

This summer at the Legal Aid Society has been incredible. So far, I have researched multiple topics pertaining to immigration law. This week, I worked on a memo describing the acquiescence standard in the Third Circuit and familiarized myself with the Convention Against Torture and its use by dozens of undocumented people. The skills and experience I am gaining this summer will stay with me for my legal career. Please consider supporting Equal Justice America to ensure that students like me have the privilege to gain such valuable experience.

**Entry 4:**

My last day at The Legal Aid Society is coming up next Friday. From beginning to the end, it was an amazing experience. The Legal Aid Society provided an outstanding experience. I had a weekly opportunity to familiarize myself with each of many programs that the Legal Aid Society has. Every single assignment taught me something new and will definitely translate into my legal career.

I cannot express my gratitude to the Legal Aid Society for taking me on as an intern this summer. To help ensure that other students are able to have a similar experience, please consider supporting Equal Justice America.