Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1:

So excited about my internship at the Ithaca Tenants Housing Hotline, providing free legal advice for people struggling with their housing situation. And I am also so so grateful for Equal Justice America for their grant so I can get paid.

Update 2:

I am excited to announce that I have been working with the Ithaca Tenants Housing Hotline this summer, which is a non-profit dedicated to giving tenants in Tompkins County brief legal advice (and starting this August, full legal representation). The most important thing we do is make people aware of their legal rights, so they can make informed decisions about how to resolve their conflicts. We are also working on drafting Right to Counsel legislation, because usually in housing cases, landlords have legal representation, the tenants do not, and the side with legal representation usually wins. That is why it is so vitally important that organizations like these work to inform and empower tenants so they have more resources to stand up for their rights.

I would also like to thank Equal Justice America for giving me a grant, supporting my work with the Tenants Housing Hotline.

Update 3:

As I've wrapped up my summer internship at the Tenants Housing Hotline, I'm excited to continue my work at the Hotline through the Tenants Housing Practicum in the fall, to continue to deepen my understanding of housing law and to gain an understanding of the challenges tenants are facing, especially as eviction moratoria are ending. Most importantly, I learned how powerful it is just to know your rights! I hope to be able to provide as much support and assistance to the tenants as possible.

Again, I would like to thank Equal Justice America for their funding and support.