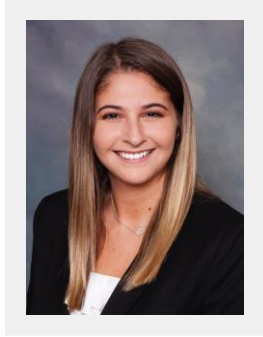




Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1:

As an Elon Law student, our summer starts a bit later than that of most other law students. As such, I have only been at my summer internship with Legal Aid of North Carolina since June 8, 2021. However, in such a short time, I have already gained relevant and meaningful legal experience working with underserved North Carolinians and I am immensely excited for the rest of the summer ahead.

Thus far, I have had the opportunity to work on several domestic violence cases. I have had the privilege of interviewing these survivors and have learned so much from them about strength, determination, and resilience. I look forward to continuing to advocate on their behalf for the next several weeks during my internship with Legal Aid.

Update 2:

During my summer at Legal Aid of North Carolina, I have had the opportunity to work on several domestic violence cases. I have had the privilege of interviewing these survivors and have learned so much from them about strength, determination, and resilience. Although I came into the summer most interested in benefits and health law work, I am enjoying working on family law cases more and more as my time with Legal Aid continues.

I am fortunate to attend court with my supervising attorneys as they advocate on behalf of these clients, and eventually, I may have the opportunity to advocate in court as a student myself. I look forward to continuing to advocate on their behalf for the next several weeks during my internship with Legal Aid.



Update 3:

As I am entering into the second half of my summer internship with Legal Aid of North Carolina, I am excited to gain experience in another area with a different subset of the community who Legal Aid serves. I had primarily been working on domestic violence cases and been researching for the Medical Legal Partnership director. Now, I am working more with one of the public benefits attorneys, and assisting on cases for SNAP and WIC benefits, as well as SSI and SSDI benefits.

This was the work I have really been interested in when I came to Legal Aid as a Medical Legal Partnership designated intern this summer, so I am excited to assist fellow North Carolinians in obtaining benefits they need and deserve during the remainder of my time with Legal Aid.

Entry 4:

As I am preparing to complete my internship with Legal Aid of North Carolina, I am confident that I want to work for Legal Aid after graduating from Elon Law in December of 2021. There will likely be a domestic violence staff attorney position open in the office I have been working in and I plan to apply for fellowships with Legal Aid as well.

I am likely going to appear in court to represent a domestic violence client in the upcoming weeks, and I hope to be able to use the skills I have learned and developed this summer to zealously advocate for a Legal Aid client.