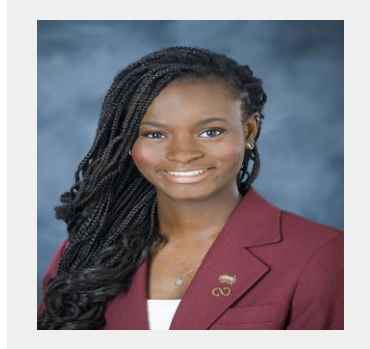




Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1:

This summer I'm working as an Equal Justice America Summer fellow at East Bay Community Law Center-EBCLC, in their Health and Welfare Clinic. I am helping to provide holistic legal representation and assistance to individuals in some of the most marginalized communities in the Bay Area. Co-laboring with said communities warrants an understanding on the many ways barriers to accessing health systems.

Update 2:

This summer I've been working as an Equal Justice America summer fellow at the East Bay Community Law Center-EBCLC. As an intern in EBCLC's Health and Welfare Clinic, I have been managing a portfolio of various client concerns. Working directly with clients to file public benefits appeals has been quite rewarding. EBCLC holds a name and gender change workshop that I was also fortunate enough to help staff. Being paired with a client to help in the process of changing their state and federal identification documents to affirm their gender identity and name was an amazing experience.

Update 3:

This summer I've been working as an Equal Justice America summer fellow at the East Bay Community Law Center-EBCLC. As an intern in EBCLC's Health and Welfare Clinic, I have been managing a portfolio of various client concerns. Working directly with clients to file public benefits appeals has been quite rewarding. I had the opportunity to work on several child disability cases and to hear the relief in parents' voices when they



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hear that someone cares about their family's future and wellbeing as they do has been very reassuring for me in my work. To co-labor alongside these families has matured me into someone who is more self-assured.

Entry 4:

This summer I was given the opportunity to work as an Equal Justice America Summer fellow at the East Bay Community Law Center—EBCLC. As an intern, in EBCLC's Health and Welfare Clinic, I was able to manage a portfolio of various client concerns. Working directly with clients to file public benefits appeals was challenging yet rewarding work. I had the opportunity to work on several child disability cases. I was also able to work with several clients to help their access to healthcare through Medicaid and Medicare applications. Being entrusted with such a high stakes portfolio has helped me to work through some latent imposter syndrome I felt when I first started. I have enjoyed the opportunity to co-labor alongside these families over the course of this 10-week program. Please consider donating to Equal Justice America, which helps fund law students doing public interest work across the country!