



Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Organization: The Legal Aid Society

Update 1: This summer I am working at The Legal Aid Society as an Equal Justice America fellow from Harvard Law School. I am in the Immigration Law Unit's Youth Project, fighting for the status and rights of immigrant youth. I will be posting updates on my work throughout the summer to raise awareness of the importance of civil legal work.

So far, I am thrilled to be among a class of amazing law students learning to support Legal Aid's Civil Practice. I have been assigned to work primarily with two attorneys, and I will be assisting them in filing for special immigrant juvenile status on behalf of several young people. This week I have also begun prepping clients for their asylum office interviews and will be conducting intakes of unaccompanied children released from ORR shelters.

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I have continued working on drafting affidavits and Family Court filings for immigrant youth who have been abandoned, abused, and/or neglected, and whose best interests are not served by returning to their home countries. I have also begun preparing to file a VAWA self-petition on behalf of a young immigrant woman abused by her United States Citizen parent. I am so grateful to be working with these inspiring and resilient young immigrants!

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The past week, I worked to prepare my client, and all submissions, for his asylum office interview. He is such an impressive young man! I have also worked to finish SIJS filings for one client and will be arguing in Family Court next week on behalf of another.

I continue to be amazed by these inspiring and resilient young immigrants!



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Entry 4: I have completed 10 weeks working at The Legal Aid Society as a Fight For Equality fellow from Harvard Law School

It has been an incredible experience. I received excellent supervision from talented attorneys and worked with the most incredible, resilient young clients. From preparing youth for asylum office interviews, writing affidavits and legal memorandum and motions, to appearing before a Referee at the Brooklyn Family Court, this summer has been nothing short of amazing. The lawyers and clients I have met inspire me every day to continue down the path of becoming a lawyer and advocate for immigrant children.

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