



## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Update 1:

Now that I'm over one month into my summer internship, it's time for my first EJA Fellow update. As some of you know, I was selected to be one of this year's Equal Justice America Fellows, and have been working with Greater Boston Legal Services in their Family Law Unit serving victims of domestic violence.

Learning to manage a caseload and work directly with clients while attending trainings and probate court has been an invaluable experience. I'm excited to continue learning and advocating for my clients this summer.

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### Update 2:

It's time for my second EJA Fellow update. This summer has presented unique challenges for the Greater Boston Legal Services Family Law Unit as we navigate the effects of the pandemic on the Probate and Family Courts in the Greater Boston area, including overloaded dockets and all the technical difficulties of Zoom court. I feel very fortunate to be able to work with this organization to provide extra support during this time so that our clients can continue to obtain the services that are vital to them.

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### Update 3:

As we near the end of the summer, It's time for my third EJA Fellow update. Working directly with clients at Greater Boston Legal Services Family Law Unit has reminded me of the impact we can make in the lives of individuals every day as attorneys. Although my first year of law school helped me build important legal skills, no experience has been more fulfilling than helping my clients achieve safety and security through the work that we do.

**Entry 4:**

Now that my internship with Greater Boston Legal Services has come to an end, it's time for my final EJA Fellow update. The opportunity to serve victims of domestic violence this summer in the Family Law Unit has been an incredible blessing.

The hands-on experience I've gained interacting directly with clients and being responsible for my own caseload has been invaluable and energizing after a full year of remote learning. I've been able to advocate for my clients in various forms, from filing pleadings and motions in court to interfacing with agencies such as DOR and DCF to secure them the outcomes they deserve.

Equal Justice America has made it financially possible for me to serve the Greater Boston community. If you're able, please consider donating to support future fellows, including future Harvard Law School students, in need of funding to pursue public interest work.