



## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Week of June 14:

This summer, I am working as an intern for the Mississippi Center for Justice (MCJ). For the last three weeks, I have worked with the Health and Consumer Protection teams on a few different projects. A lot of my time has been spent doing research and collecting data. I recently finished compiling data on the uninsured population in Mississippi. Information about that population continually changes and it's helpful for the Health team to know the current data, as they continue to work to ensure that low-income Mississippians have access to high quality, affordable healthcare. My work with MCJ is supported by the Equal Justice America Fellowship program. I am honored that I was chosen as an EJA Fellow and extremely excited about the work I will continue to do over the course of the next seven weeks.

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### Week of June 28:

These last two weeks, I have gotten the opportunity to work on two interesting and meaningful projects. The first project involved research for a credit partnership program that aims to help unbanked individuals build credit and establish bank accounts. For the other project, I spent time researching the legal needs of individuals living with HIV and compiling data on the Mississippians living with HIV. These projects gave me an opportunity to reflect on the fact that non-litigation legal work is just as meaningful as legal work that takes place within the court system.

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### Week of July 12:

As my internship winds down, I'm reflecting on how grateful I am for the opportunity to do meaningful work. The research that I have been doing has given me more insight into the lives of the people who MCJ serves; essentially learning more about the day-to-day struggles of some of Mississippi's most vulnerable populations.

**Week of August 2:**

This is the final week of my internship, and I am extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to work for an organization that is doing amazing work to help others. I am happy that I chose to intern at an organization that is doing the work that I hope to do after graduation. I learned a lot and cannot wait to continue doing this kind of work. Although the COVID-19 pandemic made this experience different than I had imagined it would be, I got to do work that I was interested in doing. Thank you EJA for supporting my time at MCJ.