



## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Update 1:

I'm an Equal Justice America Fellow for my internship at the Queens Legal Services Housing Unit this summer, and they asked me to post a periodic EJA Fellow Update. I am working remote because the office is still closed, but so far the attorneys at QLS have been great about inviting us interns to observe court appearances and having calls afterwards to debrief and explain what happened, as well as giving me some interesting legal research questions for potential cases. Thank you to EJA for supporting civil legal services!

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### Update 2:

Time for my second EJA Fellow Update! I have been interviewing tenants from a certain building who have been living with mold, infestations, and subpar repairs for years. Hopefully we can force the landlord to improve so that the tenants can feel comfortable in their own homes. Thank you to Equal Justice America and New York University School of Law for funding my summer at Queens Legal Services.

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### Update 3:

Time flies! It's hard to believe that I am already in the second half of my summer and it's time for another EJA Fellow Update. Lately, I've been feeling fortunate that I grew up in a home my parents owned and have had responsive landlords who are good about maintenance. This week especially, I've had several conversations with clients about how constantly battling their landlord for basic repairs and maintenance is a drain on their energy and mental health when they cannot afford to lose. It sounds absolutely exhausting and is another example of hidden privilege that higher-income people usually do not consider. Thank you to Equal Justice America,



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Queens Legal Services and New York University School of Law for giving me the opportunity to do this work this summer!

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## **Entry 4:**

Today is the last day of my internship, and my last EJA Fellow Update. I learned a lot and got to work on a variety of cases, including those involving eviction, repairs and civil rights issues. Once again, thank you to Equal Justice America and New York University School of Law for sponsoring my summer at Queens Legal Services.