# **Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:**



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## Update 1:

I'm happy to share that I am interning this summer at the ACLU of Pennsylvania with the generous support of Equal Justice America. As a daughter of immigrants, I'm especially thrilled to be working with the ACLU of Pennsylvania's immigrants' rights team to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of vulnerable immigrants living in Pennsylvania. So far, I've had the opportunity to assist with fact investigation, public records requests, and legal research; I have also participated in litigation team calls, which have allowed me to learn more about our clients' backgrounds and stories. These opportunities have reinforced my interest in civil rights law and, more generally, have highlighted the important role that legal aid organizations perform in society.

#### Update 2:

It's time for my second EJA Fellow Update! Over the past two weeks at my internship with the @ACLU of Pennsylvania, I have continued to perform factual investigation in order to gather information regarding immigration detention policies and practices in Pennsylvania. I have also been tackling a research project on state laws governing policing practices that disproportionately harm undocumented immigrants. Additionally, I've been working with clients to update their declarations for an ongoing case; these meaningful interactions have helped me realize that I really value opportunities for direct client work.

### Update 3:

It's time for my third EJA Fellow Update! I'm proud to be interning with the ACLU of Pennsylvania this summer, thanks to the generous support of Equal Justice America! Over the last few weeks, I have continued to interview clients and perform factual research on immigration detention policies throughout Pennsylvania. I've also begun researching the mechanics of requesting attorneys' fees in the context of habeas petitions challenging immigration detention. This work has been challenging and meaningful, and I couldn't be doing it without Equal Justice America's support.

## Entry 4:

It's time for my last EJA Fellow Update! My internship with the ACLU of Pennsylvania has sadly come to an end, but I'm so thankful for the incredible experiences I gained and important skills I honed. In the last few weeks, I continued to interview clients and assist with legal research assignments, and I finished a memo on requesting attorneys' fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act in the context of habeas corpus petitions challenging immigration detention. My internship has definitely confirmed my interest in immigrants' rights and civil rights work, and this was made possible with the help of Equal Justice America. Please consider supporting its mission by donating.