



## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Update 1:

I am so honored to have once again been chosen as an Equal Justice America Fellow! This summer I am working at Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Sexual Assault Legal Institute.

SALI provides comprehensive legal services to survivors of sexual violence. This summer, I am so excited to continue my practice of family law while also gaining experience in immigration, employment law, and more!

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### Update 2:

Things have been picking up at my summer internship at Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault! I am now trained to perform intakes of prospective clients and am so happy to be working directly with clients. I have also accompanied SALI's Senior Staff Attorney, Carrie Tirrell to court where in just a few hearings, I have already learned so much about courtroom advocacy.

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### Update 3:

These last 2 weeks at Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Sexual Assault Legal Institute, I've been spending a lot of time at court and I have been learning so much! It's been so great to learn from the different amazing attorneys and connect with the clients.

I think my favorite moment of this week was discussing marching band with one of our young clients! His hearing was postponed for the second time and I could see that he was getting discouraged. Talking too much about the case seemed overwhelming and re-traumatizing so I wanted to distract him. He shared with me that he played the saxophone and the band nerd in me was unlocked! We were able to connect through our shared



love of music and I got to see him come out of his shell.

He is what compels me to do this work. Survivors are so much more than their trauma and I want to do everything I can to help them stay safe, find justice and healing, and enjoy life.

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**Entry 4:**

In the craze of getting back to Ann Arbor, I almost forgot to post my final EJA Fellow Update!

My summer at Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault - SALI has come to an end and I'm so thankful for the experience.

I performed dozens of intakes, wrote motions for court, and created an intricate tracking spreadsheet for the SAKI (sexual assault kit initiative) project!

It was a great summer and I am looking forward to a long career in civil legal aid.

If you want to help other law students do this kind of work over the summer, you can donate.