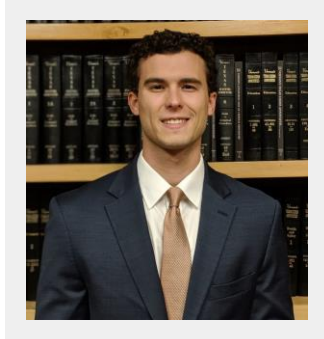




Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1: I started an internship this past week as a summer law clerk for Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. (BRLS) in their Harrisonburg, VA office. The need for civil legal aid is urgent, as 80% of those living in poverty who require civil legal services don't have access to it. I have signed up to help those who are most vulnerable in our justice system, and I am extremely proud of the work I will be able to do through BRLS this summer. I believe that, by working together, we can uphold the promise of "justice for all," and create a more fair and equitable legal system. So far, I've been able to assist clients in claims regarding housing law, family law, bankruptcy law, public benefits, and other fields of poverty law.

I was lucky enough to receive a fellowship from Equal Justice America to help support my work this summer. As you may be aware, to function, legal aid services and other public service law entities rely heavily on donations. Please join me in growing Equal Justice America and their ability to support law students around the country who are here to help those who need it most.

Update 2: This is my second EJA Fellow Update for my internship with Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. (BRLS) this summer. First, I wanted to thank those of you that have donated! Your support goes a long way. The need for civil legal aid is urgent, as 80% of those living in poverty who require civil legal services don't have access to it.

Since my last update, I have begun working to assist clients in matters in creditors' rights, bankruptcy, and consumer protection. Ensuring consumers know their rights against predatory and illegal business practices is extremely important as Americans deal with fluctuating financial stability. This work is especially important as the United States reopens and the economy recovers while still experiencing resurging COVID-19 outbreaks. I am extremely proud of the work I have been able to do through BRLS this summer and I look forward to learning more about providing civil legal aid.



Update 3: This is my third EJA Fellow Update of the summer. I have continued my work with Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. (BRLS) assisting clients in matters in creditors' rights, bankruptcy, and consumer protection. This week, I have also begun working in civil litigation and family law-related matters. Specifically, I've begun working on Warrant in Detinues. In Virginia, a Warrant in Detinue is a procedure where one party may recover possession of unlawfully withheld personal property by another party. I am extremely proud of the work I have been able to do through BRLS this summer and I look forward to learning more about providing civil legal aid.

Entry 4: This is my final EJA Fellow Update of my summer with Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc. (BRLS). This week, I continued working on matters in creditors' rights, property, and family law, while I also began working on housing law matters under the CARES Act. Specifically, I've been researching whether certain eviction provisions still apply with the end of the federal eviction moratorium. The CDC extension of the federal eviction moratorium ended on July 31, 2021. The moratorium protected tenants from eviction for nonpayment of rent. With the end federal eviction moratorium, it is crucial that aid organizations are prepared to assist clients that are especially at risk due to the ongoing pandemic.

I am so proud of the work I have done through BRLS this summer, and I appreciate you all sharing in the journey with me along the way. Again, thank you to all those that have donated. Anything that you can contribute is appreciated! Thank you!