



Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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Update 1:

This summer, I was generously selected as an Equal Justice Fellow. This fellowship allows me to serve Central and Southwest Texas with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. I am honored to be working with some extremely inspiring attorneys and promote access and equality in Texas education. Being a former teacher, working for students again is such an amazing opportunity and I can't wait to see what the summer holds.

Update 2:

I am approaching the halfway point of my clerkship, made possible by Equal Justice America and their generous donors. With this support, I continue to work towards equality in Texas education, with a new focus on outreach. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid provides a wide variety of services for students and parents to ensure that all students are able to enroll and fully participate in Texas public schools.

Update 3:

As TRLA clients get ready to return to school, I am working to ensure that trans students are being called by their correct name in the classroom. There is often a delay before students are able to legally change their name because of the associated costs, time, anxiety, and a myriad of deeply personal reasons. While they wait for a legal name change to be possible, it is imperative that students are called the correct name in the classroom, the hallway, and when crossing the stage. Thank you to my employer, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, my sponsor, Equal Justice America, and my school, University of Texas, for their support in this work.

Entry 4:

Thank you, Equal Justice America, for supporting my work at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid this summer. With the help of the amazing staff at TRLA, I was able to help students and parents advocate for equality in Texas education as we all ramp up for the coming school year. Please consider supporting Equal Justice America.