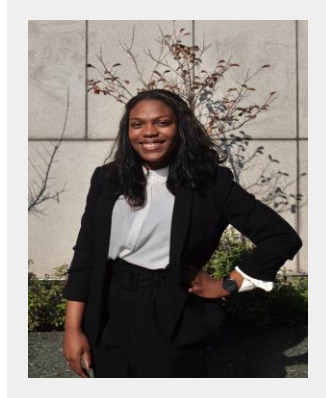




## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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**Update 1:** I am excited to have been chosen as a fellow this summer for Equal Justice America! Due to this powerful organization, I have had an amazing opportunity to start my 2L summer clerkship with Law Foundation of Silicon Valley in their Health and Mental Health Program! Some of my duties throughout my clerkship include directly serving people in the community who need access to health-related legal resources and passionate advocates. Health access is so crucial in a time where we are coming out of a pandemic.

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**Update 2:** This week I have been able to strengthen my understanding of how mental health intersects with health law. Mental health is vital understand and to advocate for because nearly one in five individuals live with a mental illness in the United States. It is imperative that these individuals have access to legal information and know their legal rights. The carcel state is moving towards incarcerating people with mental health disabilities instead of providing real resources. The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Health Department helps fight this system and provides free legal advice and represents all clients who identify as having mental health or developmental disabilities. Working as a law clerk for Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Health Department this summer I was able to see firsthand how to advocate for individuals with mental disabilities that directly impacted by our legal system.

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**Update 3:** Intensive encampment sweeps have been targeting unhoused populations across the country. The increase in encampment sweeps pose a direct threat to unhoused individuals and contributes to ongoing displacement, discontinuity of health providers, and loss of community resources. This week at my clerkship I was able to research and write legal memorandum that helps strategize how to ensure unhoused individuals targeted in these sweeps have their needs and accommodations met under Title II of the ADA. Thank you to Equal Justice America for this opportunity.



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**Entry 4:** Ended my second law school clerkship. I was tremendously inspired by the hard work ethic of the attorneys and staff at Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Health Program. I can honestly say that Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Health Program and my experience this summer affirmed my decision to be an attorney and work in disability rights and health. I strengthened and improved my legal skills and got to learn a lot about my passions in the law this summer and that is really the goal for my 2L clerkship! Working here I saw first-hand how to provide high quality legal access to people with disabilities and how we question the systemic issues that continue to oppress people with disabilities. I hope to continue the good fight! Eventually as an attorney I hope to embody everything that I learned here at Law Foundation of Silicon Valley - Health Program about advocacy. This experience would not have been possible without Equal Justice America.