



## Summer 2021 EJA Fellow:



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### Update 1:

After completing my first year of studies at William & Mary Law School, I am grateful to share that I will be spending my summer as an Equal Justice America Fellow at the LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA.

In the few weeks since the start of my internship, I have already found it immensely rewarding to put my legal skills from class into practice through my work advocating for the clients of LASEVA. I primarily work with family law matters and have learned so much through the client contact I have experienced so far. Whether it be sitting in on client interviews or drafting motions to the court, the work I do for our clients puts my legal studies into perspective.

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### Update 2:

I am officially into my second month interning at the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia as an Equal Justice America fellow! The experience I have gained so far has shown to be both immensely beneficial and rewarding. My fellow interns and I have helped over 80 clients since the beginning of the summer. We primarily assist with family law cases and when working in family law, you know that each client represents so much more than just themselves. LASEVA seeks to remove impediments to the legal system by providing legal services to the low-income and vulnerable families of eastern Virginia. I feel so fortunate to gain legal experience through helping the clients of LASEVA and their families.



### **Update 3:**

It is hard to believe that we're already halfway through July! As my own summer flies by and the next school year approaches, I'm constantly being reminded of how precious time is for the clients of LASEVA and their families. Systemic barriers to the legal system exist that specifically inhibit those in poverty. The justice system is arranged to almost always require legal representation yet fails to provide adequate legal services to those most in need. When pertaining to the family law field, these barriers often result in families missing out on irreplaceable memories due to their matters being caught in a bureaucratic process not built in their favor.

I am immensely grateful for the experience I am gaining as an intern at the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia. LASEVA seeks to remove the economic impediments to the legal system by providing legal services to those most vulnerable. This opportunity was made possible through my fellowship with Equal Justice America. EJA sponsors fellowships for law students to intern at legal services organizations across the country and provide the critical assistance to low-income individuals struggling through the justice system.

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### **Entry 4:**

Last week, I completed my internship at the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia as an Equal Justice America fellow. I am so grateful for the experience I have gained working with the attorneys and clients of LASEVA. As I start my second year of law school at the end of the month, I will return with a renewed sense of purpose to my studies. When studying law during my first year, it was easy to get caught up in the technicalities of each policy that I would lose track of what actually brought me there, serving those most in need.

Please consider donating to Equal Justice America, so that future law students can have summer internship experiences just as rewarding as mine. EJA sponsors fellowships for law students to intern at legal services organizations across the country and provide the critical assistance to low-income individuals struggling through the justice system.