

Thanks to the Wellman Hill Grant I was able to spend my summer at The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, which is the fifth oldest in the nation. Like other legal aid societies in the nation, it works to achieve its mission of securing justice and resolving fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable by providing high quality legal service and working for systematic solutions. During my time there, I was blown away by the amazing work that the organization does.

As a Development Intern, I was able to see many sides of the non-profit organization. I was able to interact with clients who had major success with legal aid assistance and worked to publish their stories. I helped to plan Legal Aid's largest summer event, Jam for Justice, which raised over \$60,000 for their mission as well as other donor events. I also worked with media and public relations to spread news about the positive work Legal Aid had done for the community.

One of my favorite parts of working at Legal Aid was participating in the Brief Advice Clinics. These free clinics were open to the community and allowed those struggling with legal problems to speak with volunteer attorneys. As an intern, I was able to speak to these clients and work to understand their issues to find the right help for them. This is where I found my passion. In many of my experiences, just a few minutes with a client gave way to a positive solution and a greater understanding of how the system could work to help them.

Since working at Legal Aid this summer, I have continued to volunteer with the organization during my free time. In my future legal career I plan to give back to the organization since it has made such a big impact on me. I thank the Wellman Hill

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