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Jasmine interned with TJC while she was a law student at Stanford Law School, and in that role, she assisted with client intake and advocacy; Jasmine specifically chose to work at TJC because she wanted to return to her home state at some point after law school, and because she was drawn to its innovative model of using direct client advocacy to inform impact litigation.

It was the summer when John McCain cast his fateful “thumbs down” vote to save the Affordable Care Act, and, unfortunately as seems to be usual, TJC was dealing with a number of client issues with TennCare redeterminations. TJC was Jasmine’s first legal job experience, and one that taught her many skills that proved to be helpful in later roles, from learning to use a fax machine to treating clients with compassion. She remembers making frantic calls to keep a man with intellectual disabilities from being evicted from his residential program due to TennCare paperwork errors, helping an immigrant family whose son had been in a tragic accident avoid crushing medical debt, and timidly asking Gordon questions about why TJC had all these file boxes related to a systemic juvenile justice case, *Doe vs Henderson*.

After law school, Jasmine started working for Youth Law Center, a national nonprofit focused on youth justice and child welfare reform. While she started out working primarily on K-12 and postsecondary education issues for system-involved youth in California, Jasmine was able to move back to Tennessee in 2020 and slowly start building out youth justice advocacy strategies. Currently, she is a Senior Attorney and works on legislative and policy advocacy related to youth justice and child welfare in Tennessee. Jasmine is also counsel on Youth Law Center's joint lawsuit with Sanford Heisler Sharp and Disability Rights Tennessee regarding the abuse of children with disabilities in state juvenile justice custody.