LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. COOPER / LEGAL AIDE CO-OP / **BOSTON**

My Duties

- Aided attorneys in preparing cases
- Answered phone calls from clients, insurance adjusters, courts, etc.
- Prepared Immigration forms and applications on behalf of clients
- Requested medical/criminal records from facilities and documents from clients
- Drafted cover letters, motion, and affidavits
- Scheduled meetings with clients



Preparing for Immigration Court

- Requested & followed up on any documents from the client that will strengthen their case (creativity, persistence, customer service)
- Indexed documents sent to us in order of importance (organization, knowledge of the field)
- Drafted cover letter, prepared documents for filing (attention to detail)
- Filed papers at the immigration court

CLAUDIA CHANESKI

YEAR - CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR January - June 2021 Term



The Company

- Located in old City Hall (see below!)
- Offers services with:
 - Immigration Law
 - Represents immigrants in obtaining green cards, citizenship, work permits, etc.
 - Non-litigation and litigation cases
 - Personal Injury Law
 - Represent injured persons
 - Car accidents, disability, worker's compensation, etc.

COVID-19 Impact

- In person, required masks until fully vaccinated. No in-person meetings with clients
 - Easier not to have clients in the office casual dress code
- Nervous at first to work in person but quickly got used to it
- Easier to cope with COVID-related changes since I began my co-op during the middle of the pandemic
- Immigration court much slower but often extended deadlines



Experiential Liberal Arts & <u>Future Plans</u>

- **Research:** Researched existing case law and country conditions to build strong cases
- Education: Learned about specific areas of law
- Outreach: Represented clients from many different countries, often called clients to request documents and information
- **Impact on Future Plans:**
 - Declared a Law & Public Policy minor: want to learn more about civil law
 - Solidified my interest in law school

