

July 14, 2014

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My experience at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services over this summer has been incredible. I came into the fellowship expecting to pursue a career in public interest law, and now I am more committed to it than ever.

I assisted nearly 30 clients over the past ten weeks, and it started on the very first day when I participated in intake interviews with new clients seeking assistance with family law issues. Many of our clients were grandparents had been caring for their grandchildren for most of the grandchildren's lives. These children had often lost their parents to the violence that plagues the city, and the grandparents were having trouble doing things as basic as enrolling the children in school or taking them to the doctor.

One client that I will always remember was a grandmother who sought to obtain custody of her grandchild from her own son. The child had been abused as a baby by her mother, and was now being abused by her father. The grandmother and the extended family of aunts and uncles sought to obtain custody of the child to provide her with the love and childhood she deserved. After weeks of preparation we went to trial, and at the end of a grueling day in which the judge interviewed the child by herself and heard testimony from a long line of witnesses we won. Our client received custody, but more importantly the child's parents were ordered into counseling so that they can become the parents that the child deserves.

Some of the work I did involved life and death situations. In one case a mother of a newborn sought a protective order against the child's father. She was in an abusive relationship for the first time, and did not know where to turn. We were able to obtain an emergency Order of Protection for her, and on the day that we went to trial for a permanent order he was nearly arrested in the lobby of the courthouse. We managed to get that order, and will continue assisting this client as she seeks to better the lives of herself and her child.

While those clients stand out, every single client that came into our office was seeking assistance with the most important things that they will ever face. Our work with these clients will be felt for generations.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Woolard
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August 25, 2014

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RE: Equal Justice Fellowship of Jeremy Woolard.

Dear Mr. Ruben:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a brief evaluation of Jeremy Woolard's Fellowship with our organization. Mr. Woolard interned as a law clerk during the summer of 2014 with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

During Jeremy's fellowship with our office, he exhibited exemplary abilities as a law clerk. Jeremy is an innovative self-starter who rarely needs supervision. Mr. Woolard is an excellent writer. During his time at our office, Mr. Woolard wrote a number of legal memoranda on a variety of issues. One of his projects led to a modification in one of the local courts that will favorably help many of our clients. He is very articulate and an excellent communicator. Jeremy has a firm grasp of the requirements needed to handle a case from beginning until end. Mr. Woolard more than competently handled all aspects of our caseload, from conducting initial interviews with clients to drafting and filing pleadings to obtaining signatures for default motions; all handled with minimal supervision.

We will be happy to provide any other information upon request.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Douglas F. Carey*

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