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Re: Ahmed Javaid

To Whom It May Concern:

Ahmed Javaid worked as a summer law intern for MFY Legal Services from June 3 through August 14, 2013. Ahmed worked in MFY's Manhattan Legal Aid for Seniors (MLAS) project. He was a fantastic addition to the project. Ahmed's internship consisted mostly of legal research and writing, as well as accompanying attorneys to Housing Court. Ahmed is a very sharp and smart researcher. He was able to grasp the essence of questions and quickly track down the most relevant answers. He was also able to relate his research to the reality of legal practice, which is rare for an intern, especially a rising 2L.

For example, Ahmed was assigned to research common law tort claims for abuse of process and malicious prosecution, and whether they might be usable by tenants who have been frivolously sued by their landlords in Housing Court. His memo provided a great overview of the current law on such claims and was written clearly and succinctly. In addition, he applied what he had observed in visits to Housing Court and in individual cases that he had worked on, to assess whether an "ordinary" frivolous case would rise to the level of abuse of process or malicious prosecution. His answers were relevant to the real world of our practice, and he showed that he understood, after only a few observations, the dynamics of Housing Court. Ahmed also researched and drafted a motion to dismiss, a guide to obtaining files from Criminal Court, and answered many research questions. We found that we were able to ask him broad questions such as "is there any way for a tenant to use this law?" and he would be able to zero in on the relevant parts of the law, look for cases and materials in many different places, and return a practical and realistic answer. The attorney who worked with him on the motion to dismiss described his work as among the best writing by an intern during her years at MFY.

Ahmed is soft-spoken, but pays close attention to what goes on around him. He asks good questions and is genuinely interested in the cases he works on. I look forward to hearing of where he chooses to direct his intelligence and perception.

Thank you for making Ahmed's internship possible. If MFY can provide any more information about Ahmed or his internship, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 417-3709.

Yours truly,

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