

Dear Dan Ruben, Executive Director at Equal Justice America:

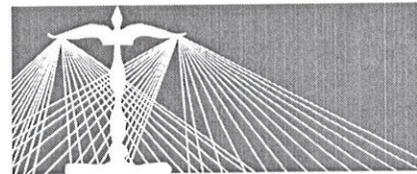
My experience at Brooklyn Legal Services Corp A was phenomenal. I gained valuable experience in the legal field. My legal research and writing skills improved by a wide margin. Getting assignments every week, with specific legal questions posed towards our cases, forced me to critically research all the relevant statutes and cases and apply them towards our case. Working with a group of interns on these assignments also helped me understand the value of teamwork. Getting things done was more interesting and efficient with a group of highly intelligent and driven team members.

Our primary duties required us to assist clients with getting loan modifications. They were currently in default on their mortgage payments and required help. Many times, the lending institution failed to supply the ability to get one of these modifications, which are federally required after the financial crisis. Our team made sure that we drafted motions asking for certain documents and answers to expedite the process of getting our client a modification that would help them make payments in the future. We also attended settlement conferences at the courthouse to see how modifications get signed into place.

My favorite project was helping a client get out of a foreclosure action. They were being foreclosed on even though they were making all their monthly payments. We drafted answers to the complaint that showed that our client was on point in making all of his payments, and that the bank was being negligent in its course of action. This project required a substantial amount of research because all sorts of documents, such as the summons and complaint, mortgage documents, affidavits, and other relevant work needed to be closely read and analyzed. We had to research proper civil procedure and foreclosure law and see how cases

were ruled there. Then, we applied it to our case and mailed it to the opposing counsel. I had a great time knowing that I was helping someone keep their home. Helping others like this while educating myself on the legal process of foreclosure law was a truly great experience.

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RE: EVALUATION OF STEVE KESTEL

Please allow this letter to serve as an evaluation of Mr. Steve Kestel. Mr. Kestel all summer made much needed and time saving contributions to the office and many projects and cases I was working on. I have had the opportunity to watch his work from a critical angle and it is a pleasure to admit that he has proved his worth. Mr. Kestel was an insightful individual who had a strong grasp on the legal matters. Throughout the summer, I was pleasantly surprised to find out that he knew most of the workings of an attorney's office. He took charge of things immediately and helped organize case files in a compact manner, which left a lot of space for other paperwork. He also introduced us to the beauty of searching for precedents online which saved much time on important cases.

As an individual, Mr. Kestel was communicative and hardworking and had an ability to mingle with clients to determine their issues. On two occasions, this has helped us immensely in successfully moving cases that were in limbo for a long time.

I wish him the best of luck in completing his law degree and anticipate working with him again.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ndukwe Agwu

Ndukwe Agwu, Esq.