

Dear Mr. Ruben,

I had a wonderful work experience this summer, made possible by Equal Justice America. Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A, where I worked, is a phenomenal organization. For me, having the opportunity to work for the Community and Economic Development team (“CED”)—a division of Brooklyn A that does transactional work—allowed me to do the type of legal work I want to do in my career (transactional work) within the public sector.

I had the opportunity to work on a wide range of projects, and to interact with and help passionate individuals create their dream non-profits. One organization that really stood out to me was a health organization that provides classes for victims of domestic abuse. The director is one of the most passionate and good natured people I’ve ever communicated with. She would email constantly with new, ambitious ideas. Her commitment to her program and community was infectious. Not only was working with this director a good experience, but I feel as though I did some really good work and helped her realize some of her goals.

I worked on numerous projects for this organization, from updating their bylaws to drafting non-solicitation provisions. The project that really stood out for me however, is a scholarship agreement that I drafted. The organization was offering a scholarship to send a homeless, domestic abuse survivor to a yoga studio to become a certified yoga instructor. Not only did I get a good experience drafting a contract, but I feel as though I was instrumental in helping this now certified yoga instructor, as well as in helping the director further her non-profit.

I want to do transactional work because I enjoy the feeling that I am building something, and that that thing will continue to grow. I felt this way about all the projects I worked on this

summer, and felt as though the things I was helping to build were of tremendous value. I had an incredibly positive experience, and EJA was an invaluable part of the summer. Without the fellowship, I would not have had such a rewarding, educational, and fun summer. Thank you for your support.

Best,  
Max Sternberg  
Columbia Law School, JD expected 2019



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Via Email to: [KATIE@EQUALJUSTICEAMERICA.ORG](mailto:KATIE@EQUALJUSTICEAMERICA.ORG)

Dan Ruben  
Executive Director  
Equal Justice America

Re: Supervisor Evaluation Letter for Maximilian (Max) E.  
Sternberg, Summer 2017

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I supervised Max Sternberg during his law student internship with the Community Economic Development (CED) Program at Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) this past summer. As a CED law intern, Sam worked on transactional legal matters for not-for-profit community based clients of Brooklyn A. The types, sizes and organizational “age” of the CED clients he worked with varied greatly as did the types of legal matters. Below are examples of some of the projects Max handled over the summer:

Max drafted a scholarship agreement for a not-for-profit client that has decided to provide scholarships for further related studies to graduates of its program as part of its charitable activities. For this same client, he also researched and drafted non-compete and non-solicitation clauses for a model independent contractor agreement Brooklyn A has developed for the client. He also assisted this client and a number of others with the updating of corporate bylaws and conflict of interest policy to reflect recent changes in the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

For an arts-focused not-for-profit client, he worked as part of the CED team in representing it in the negotiation of a strategic alliance with another arts-focused not-for-profit organization with compatible charitable purposes. Max assisted with the due diligence process – assisting with the supply of diligence documents to counsel for the other party and reviewing documents we received from the other party. He sat on numerous calls with the client and counsel for the other party and helped prepare for same.

For a not-for-profit child care agency, Max compared a commercial lease renewal agreement we had been drafting and negotiating with a counter-proposed term sheet and prepared a summary of the substantive changes between the two documents. Stuyvesant Property

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Max has strong legal drafting, research, and analysis skills. He also was able to effectively manage work on both complex and smaller projects with multiple parties. He was respectful and professional with all of our clients and was an enthusiastic and warm presence in the CED Program.

I give Max a very favorable evaluation and our office is very appreciative to Equal Justice America for providing him with funding during his internship with our office.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (718) 487-0874 or [jrose@bka.org](mailto:jrose@bka.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Rose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jessica Rose, Esq.  
Director, Community and Economic Development Program