

August 23, 2013

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Before this summer, I had almost no legal experience. I knew I wanted my first legal position to be with legal aid, helping provide legal services to indigent client. Alaska Legal Services Corporation in Fairbanks, Alaska, was the ideal location to accomplish this goal. Without funding from Equal Justice America, traveling to and working in Alaska would not have been feasible.

During my Summer Fellowship, I met with clients and gave simple legal advice. I also wrote motions, briefs, and research memoranda. I received excellent mentorship and guidance from my supervising attorney and accompanied him to court on many occasions. I worked on a variety of legal topics including family, housing and public benefit cases. My contributions allowed my supervising attorney to process more applications than would have been possible otherwise.

One client that stands out in my memory was an elderly gentleman who fell through the cracks of bureaucracy. His public benefits for in-home medical were terminated even though his condition had worsened. I was able to figure out that those benefits were mistakenly revoked for a significant amount of time and help the client appeal his case to the correct department.

On the family law side of things, I worked with many victims of domestic violence seeking help with divorce and custody matters. I helped many clients fill out their divorce and custody complaints and answer questions about the appropriate legal procedures. In some cases, I helped clients know how and when to file protective orders against abusive partners. This work was fulfilling because I think some of the clients may not have been able to navigate the legal system on their own or would have given up if they couldn't find help. I hope that these clients will be more secure in their home lives and feel more protected by the law after I served them.

My Summer Fellowship confirmed that legal aid is an important service that deserves more resources. It meant a lot to me to be able to contribute my small amount of time this summer and hope to give even more of my time in the future. I truly could not have asked for a better experience.

Thank You Kindly,

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Re: Caitlyn Evans, Intern at Alaska Legal Services Corporation's Fairbanks Office

Dear Mr. Ruben,

Caitlyn Evan's asked that I send you an evaluation letter on her behalf. Ms. Evans was an excellent intern and worked very hard this summer. She had many duties and met or exceeded expectations on all tasks that she was assigned to. Below is a brief summary of her duties and my evaluation.

**Legal Skills:** Ms. Evans performed many legal research tasks in a variety of different areas of the law, including Alaskan Native Allotments, Domestic Relations, Land-Lord Tenant, Medicaid Care, and the Indian Child Welfare Act. She communicated her findings in a clear and logical way. She was also given motions and briefs to write for actual use in client cases. Overall, Ms. Evans work was very good. As a first year law student she has room to grow, but this will come with further classes and training.

**Interpersonal Skills:** Ms. Evan's interpersonal skills were excellent. Ms. Evans met with numerous clients and helped them complete pro se divorce paperwork. She was very compassionate with our clients and communicated very clearly. She was very well liked and respected in our office and everyone sensed her commitment to social justice.

Overall, our office was very pleased with Ms. Evans both as a colleague and as a person. I am glad to have had her with our office this summer and wish her the best of luck.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Gasca".

Nick Gasca  
Supervising Attorney