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Dan Ruben  
Executive Director at Equal Justice America,  
13540 East Boundary Road  
Midlothian, VA 23112

Re: Daniela Stephen-Intern for Summer Semester 2015

Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am writing in regards to Daniela Stephen and her work for our non-profit during this past summer semester.

ArchCity Defenders mission is to end revolving door justice in the St. Louis Region through direct representation of the homeless and working poor. We enable clients to remove legal barriers to exiting homelessness. We also pursue impact litigation to end racial and socio-economic discriminatory practices in the area and nationwide.

Daniela Stephen worked in both direct representation and impact litigation. Her duties included research involving statistics to support impact litigation. She was also responsible for attending court-watching sessions for the purpose of finding civil litigation clients. She helped interview these clients and gather data for class actions as well. Legal research for client cases for individual attorneys was also a part of her day to day responsibilities.

In regards to direct representation, Daniela interviewed women at local homeless shelters to assess their legal needs. This practice is critical in St. Louis. If a client has a warrant on their record for minor traffic violations, that warrant will prevent them from entering into transitional housing. Daniela helped us identify clients in need of our services, gather data on these individuals, and assisted in moving forward with representation.

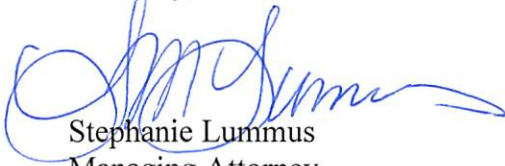
Daniela was a joy to have in the office. Her commitment was evident and she worked tirelessly to assist our attorneys and our clients in every way. Her contribution was very important. She was able to witness first-hand the legal barriers to exiting homelessness



and the predatory and discriminatory practices in St. Louis Municipal Courts including but not limited to Ferguson Municipal Court.

Our mission and work was enlightened and furthered by Daniela's presence. We cannot thank her enough for her time.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Lummus  
Managing Attorney  
Client Services Manager



Thomas Harvey  
Executive Director

