

## **JAMIE COSME**

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

My 2014 Summer Internship was at the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (“PAIR”) Project. The information and experience I gained were invaluable and I know I will carry the lessons I learned at the PAIR Project with me throughout my legal career.

At PAIR I was able to experience many real-life struggles clients and attorneys face. I did not have my own client, where I worked on their case from intake to filing for asylum, but I helped many clients at many different levels of their immigration case. There was one client where I was able to observe her case for over three days at immigration court. The case was based on domestic violence and it was a very difficult case to show relief. In the end the judge ruled in her favor and she was granted legal status.

At PAIR, I was also able to go on “Know Your Rights” Presentations, where I went to the Bristol Detention Facility and perform intakes for the immigrants held in detention. There was one particular woman who was in detention, she had gone to immigration court and lost. But although she was not granted immigration status, there was a catch because her country refused to issue her travel documents and told the United States government that they would not be accepting any of their nationals back. For her it meant, she would at some point be able to leave detention, but it would take time. So she had a 90-day review coming up and at that time the government could release her or leave her in detention for three more months where at that point they would have to release her because her deportation was not in the “foreseeable future.” For her 90-day review I worked closely with her family to gather letters from them and prepared the necessary documents to send to the government to hopefully release her. Currently, her 90-day review decision has not been issued yet, but I hope the work I did will release her and return her to her family.

In addition I wrote various country condition reports and memos involving various immigration issues. I also conducted client intake throughout the summer. Overall, I had a wonderful time at the PAIR project and would recommend it to anyone interested in immigration law.

Sincerely,

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RE: Jamie Cosme, Equal Justice America Fellow at the PAIR Project

Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am writing this evaluation for Jamie Cosme, who interned with the PAIR Project during the past summer, from May 2014 – August 2014. I am the Asylum Attorney at the Political Asylum Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, a non-profit organization that represents asylum-seekers who have fled from persecution throughout the world, and that advises non-citizens in immigration detention. I supervised Jamie during her internship at PAIR.

Jamie acts in a professional and sensitive manner when working with clients, many who have suffered a great deal in their home country. She worked on several projects, including conducting asylum intake, country research, interpreting, and helping clients to file various immigration forms. Jamie has a deep commitment to the representation of clients in immigration detention; and was active in helping PAIR to host its annual fundraiser gala and facilitate community outreach to promote PAIR's public interest work.

During her time at PAIR, Jamie she conducted asylum intake; met with clients and helped them file various immigration applications; prepared human rights documentation to support asylum claims; and assisted the PAIR detention attorney to reach out to the hundreds of detainees being held in Massachusetts. She helped to correspond with immigration detainees about their cases and various forms of relief available to them and traveled to detention centers to conduct "Know Your Rights Presentations" to immigration detainees.

If you have any questions about Jamie's work at PAIR or the organization itself, please feel free to contact me at 617-742-9296.

Sincerely,  
Anita P. Sharma