

August 31, 2014

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Dear Dan Ruben and Equal Justice America Staff:

I would like to thank everyone at Equal Justice America (EJA) for funding my internship at the Latin American Association (LAA) in Atlanta, Georgia. Because of your generous fellowship, I was able to offset my travel, food, and lodging expenses this summer. Most importantly, your support allowed me to continue my advocacy in support of immigrants in the South.

From May until August, I conducted legal research, drafted legal memos, conducted country conditions research, drafted affidavits with clients. Many of the individuals I helped included Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applicants, asylum seekers, and other immigrants in need of removal defense.

Although I enjoyed serving immigrants from Argentina, Central America, and Mexico very much, two of the most memorable people I helped came from Cuba and the Congo. I learned a lot about the conditions in each of these countries and worked very hard with the LAA's staff to get immigration relief for each of these individuals. I was humbled to learn about each individual's journey to the United States and their commitment to provide a better life for their children and themselves.

In spite of the low wage jobs and hostile communities in which some of these newly arrived immigrants find themselves, most, if not all of them are committed to making Georgia a better place. I witnessed first hand how their stories moved residents in and out of Atlanta- to donate money, clothes, and school supplies for many of the unaccompanied minors represented by the attorneys at the LAA. I like to think that such generous gestures came from those who remember the costs and gains brought by the Civil Rights Movement. Although not everyone shares this benevolent view I choose to focus on the good being done by organizations like the LAA and EJA. It is truly inspiring to see how much can be accomplished with little resources but a lot of heart!

Immigration advocacy is particularly important to me because I was an undocumented immigrant for many years. I suffered some setbacks as a consequence but was fortunate to have a caring mother who worked very hard to adjust our immigration status right before I entered college. However, I know that many are not as fortunate. Immigrants often lose their money to non-lawyers who ruin their chances getting immigration relief. Next year, I will return to Atlanta and join all of the people committed to making their local community a better place to live.

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**RE: Fellowship Evaluation for Law Student Janet Sosa**

Dear Director Ruben:

I write this letter on behalf of law student Janet Sosa, who performed her EJA fellowship with the Latin American Association's Immigration Services Department. Ms. Sosa worked full time at the Latin American Association from May to August, 2014. While other attorneys and the BIA accredited representative also assigned work to Ms. Sosa, she worked directly under my supervision.

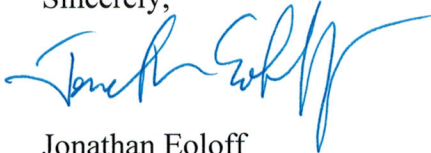
Ms. Sosa was assigned several clients throughout her summer fellowship. In terms of specific immigration clients, Ms. Sosa completed applications for new and renewal Deferred Action Against Childhood Arrivals, green card renewals and citizenship. Ms. Sosa was also assigned a client in removal proceedings in Atlanta Immigration Court, where she worked directly with the client in her application for cancellation of removal. With this client, Ms. Sosa completed an affidavit and drafted affidavits of the client's family and potential witnesses. She also conducted country conditions research, and created a table of contents after compiling all the exhibits in support of this client's application. Ms. Sosa also worked with another client eligible to consular process with a waiver application, and gathered immigration and criminal histories from this client. She also communicated with law enforcement agencies and district attorneys offices to obtain clients' police reports and certified criminal dispositions. Ms. Sosa also conducted legal research in support of another client's motion to reopen his removal proceedings to file an asylum application. For another asylum applicant, Ms. Sosa contacted area psychologists to determine their availability to provide therapy as well as an expert testimony in support of her application. Finally, Ms. Sosa observed court proceedings in a Georgia juvenile client for one of our clients who was eligible for a special immigrant juvenile visa.

Ms. Sosa was an exceptional fellow this summer. She worked diligently and thoroughly with all of her assignments, and in an organized manner. She was quick to jump in and receive assignments and take on additional work. She worked professionally with clients, and being a native Spanish speaker greatly facilitated her ability to communicate with them and their

family members. Ms. Sosa, having previously worked at non-profits agencies, recognized our needs and volunteered to assist in other administrative capacities when needed. Overall, Ms. Sosa's work product was solid and her analytical skills were strong when exploring avenues of immigration relief with her clients. I have nothing but high marks to give Ms. Sosa for her fellowship work with the Latin American Association this summer.

If you require additional information about the caliber of Ms. Sosa's work, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jeoloff@thelaa.org](mailto:jeoloff@thelaa.org) or 404.638.1824.

Sincerely,



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