

Kathryn D. Poulos

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Thank you for supporting my summer internship at Michigan Law's Human Trafficking Clinic this past summer. I had a tremendously rewarding experience working directly with victims of human trafficking. I enjoyed my work so much that I have decided to stay on with the Clinic this upcoming semester to continue to advocate for those that have been deprived of the most basic human rights.

As a student attorney at the Human Trafficking Clinic, I represented five victims of human trafficking and had complete responsibility over their cases. I gained hands-on experience helping my clients with everything from securing tangible items such as a Michigan state ID to advising them in meetings with a federal prosecutor. I developed as an advocate by exercising creative problem solving skills and collaborating with colleagues to help clients overcome obstacles, such as convincing a college to enroll a client as a domestic (as opposed to international) student, making her eligible for a foster care scholarship.

One of my proudest accomplishments was putting together a T visa application from start to finish. A T visa gives trafficking victims legal status in the US for three years, at which time they can apply for a Green Card. I conducted several interviews with my client to gather her full story, wrote her experience into an in-depth declaration, gathered documents to support her qualification as a trafficking victim, and wrote a brief explaining how she met the requirements of a T visa outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. I submitted the application on my last day at the Clinic for the summer. It was amazing to see the joy on my client's face when I handed her a copy of the finished package—for her, the granting of her T visa would mean she could pursue the better life in the US that she was originally promised.

I can't imagine a better summer experience and I am very thankful to Equal Justice America for making my internship possible. I not only learned what it takes to navigate the complex immigration system, but I learned how to connect with clients and make a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,

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Re: End of Summer Evaluation of Kathryn D. Poulos

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to evaluate Kathryn Poulos, a law student intern, who received a Summer 2011 Equal Justice America fellowship. Thank you very much for funding Katie, as she was an enormous asset to the clinic this summer. She did an excellent job representing her clients, served as a leader for the other summer interns, and it was a true pleasure to work with her.

Katie completed the required ten weeks of work and all requested tasks. During the summer, Katie met directly with clients, completed a visa application for a client, attended a statewide human trafficking prevention taskforce meeting, and collaborated with other student attorneys in developing case strategies. Katie consistently went above and beyond the call of duty and was always reliable, diligent, and enthusiastic. I was so pleased with Katie's performance that she was invited to continue working with the clinic as an advanced student during the fall semester for academic credits. Normally, a student is not permitted to enroll as an advanced student unless they have taken the introductory clinical course. However, because of the wide variety of tasks completed this summer and her performance throughout, Katie is being allowed to enroll without the introductory course.

Again, I appreciate the funding provided to Katie for her work this summer. I can only hope that future summer interns are as wonderful as Katie.

Kind Regards,

Bridgette Carr
Clinical Assistant Professor