

August 28, 2010

Equal Justice America
Building II, Suite 204
13540 East Boundary Road
Midlothian, Virginia 23112
Attn: Mr. Dan Ruben, Executive Director

Re: Summer Fellowship – Learning Rights Law Center

Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer I worked for the Learning Rights Law Center (LRLC) in Los Angeles. The LRLC is a non-profit organization that provides education advocacy for low income, at-risk and underserved youth and their families. It provides direct legal services and develops and implements community outreach programs. The LRLC has only four regular staff attorneys, and it is the only legal rights organization dedicated exclusively to education issues. Accordingly, it depends heavily on the help of fellows, interns and pro bono attorneys.

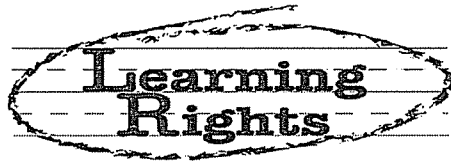
As an intern, I worked full-time with Soo Yun, a staff attorney in the “school access” program where I advocated for students with disabilities that were denied access to a free appropriate public education. I assisted in representing clients at mediation resolution sessions and participated in negotiating settlement agreements. I also wrote due process complaints for students that were denied placement in the least restrictive environment, and I wrote compliance complaints to file with the Office of Civil Rights on discrimination issues.

I feel the most valuable part of my experience this summer was working with my supervisor. Soo treated me more as an associate than her intern, and we worked side by side to assess cases and advocate for our clients. Soo gave me just enough supervision to move forward successfully, but also enough freedom to develop myself as a future attorney. Prior to working with the LRLC, I knew that I wanted to pursue a career in education law, and I had experience working with other organizations in this practice area. The LRLC gave me the opportunity to sharpen the skills I already had and explore aspects of the field that I had not worked with before. I really enjoyed working with the LRLC this summer, and feel that working there confirmed my commitment to pursuing a career in education law.

I would like to thank Equal Justice America for supporting my summer internship with the Learning Rights Law Center. I would not have been able to have such a wonderful opportunity without its support.

Very truly yours,

Marci L. Kutschman
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J.D. Candidate, 2011



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August 30, 2010

To: Dan Ruben, Executive Director
Equal Justice America

From: Soo Yun, Staff Attorney
Learning Rights Law Center

Re: Marci Kutschman Equal Justice America Fellowship

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to you to inform you that it was a great pleasure to have Ms. Marci Kutschman at Learning Rights Law Center as an Equal Justice America Fellow during 2010 Summer to advocate for low-income families.

At Learning Rights Law Center, Ms. Kutschman conducted client interview during intake, reviewed educational records to spot legal issues, prepared memorandum after legal research, and drafted compliance complaints, and Office of Civil Rights complaints, and Due Process Complaints. She also attended an Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting and mediation with me and the clients to advocate.

During the course of her fellowship, Ms. Kutschman showed growth in her knowledge of special education law and analytical thinking. Also, her passion for this line of work – advocating for children with disability and their rights was the driving force for her to stay on top of her tasks. I wish her the best and if you have any questions regarding Ms. Kutschman's performance, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at soo@learningrights.org or call me at (213) 542-1824. Thank you very much.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Soo Yun", is written over a horizontal line.

Soo Yun, Esq.