

August 30, 2012

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

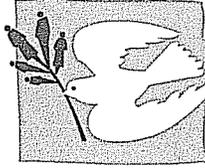
My summer fellowship experience was incredibly enriching and fulfilling. I split my summer between two organizations: seven weeks at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid and seven weeks at Family Violence Prevention Services. At TRLA, I worked in education, family law, and housing. At FVPS, I worked in family law cases that involved domestic violence.

It was very interesting to get such a variety of work in my summer, and at the same time get to really focus in on some of the areas of law that I am most passionate about. Also, because I had a temporary trial card, I was able to provide more direct legal assistance than in previous internships. I interviewed clients, prepared cases, represented clients in court and at administrative hearings, drafted pleadings, and did research. In both internships, I was able to help people who had nowhere else to turn. From dealing with an eviction, to having major problems in school, to being the victim of domestic violence, our clients were dealing with issues for which they needed crucial legal services that they could not otherwise afford. Through my work in these internships, I was able to help women leave their abusers while maintaining their safety and being able to protect and support their children. I was able to help people stay in their homes. I was able to help children get the services and support they deserve in school.

Overall, I have loved working with organizations that play such an important roll in helping others and addressing serious legal needs in this country. My experiences this summer were so meaningful that I am now applying for fellowships to work at FVPS after I graduate from law school. I am very thankful that the Equal Justice America grant made it possible for me to have such great internships!

Thank you,

Rebecca Glisan
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FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES, INC.

Battered Women and Children's Shelter of Bexar County

August 23, 2012

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RE: *Rebecca Glisan*

Dear Mr. Ruben:

Thank you for sponsoring Rebecca Glisan's summer fellowship and allowing her to work with our agency this summer. Not only was Rebecca a pleasure to work with, but her assistance allowed us to serve more clients.

Our agency provides civil legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and their dependents. The majority of our clients are residents of the Battered Women and Children's Shelter or are members or dependents of the military. All of our clients have endured serious incidents of domestic violence and have immediate legal needs.

Because of her prior experiences and eagerness to assist victims of domestic violence, Rebecca quickly learned how to assist our clients. She was sensitive to our client's needs and was able to handle the gravity of our client's situations. Rebecca learned quickly and required very little training. She researched applicable laws and case law. She assisted the attorneys by interviewing clients and witnesses, preparing direct and cross examinations, researching and writing legal memos, and drafting legal documents. Rebecca needed very little direction, though she always asked questions if she had them.

We thoroughly enjoyed having Rebecca this summer and our clients enjoyed working with her, as well. We only hope that future law clerks will be as capable and compassionate as Rebecca is.

Sincerely,


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