

14 August 2009

**Re: *Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship***

Mr. Dan Ruben  
Equal Justice America  
Building II, Suite 204  
13540 East Boundary Road  
Midlothian, VA 23112

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to you and everyone else at Equal Justice America for the Summer Fellowship funding that I received. I greatly appreciate the extraordinary generosity exhibited by your organization in providing this funding for my summer employment.

This summer I worked as an intern in the Mortgage Foreclosure and Anti-Predatory Lending Division of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A" in Brooklyn, New York. In this position, I assisted in providing legal services to low-income individuals facing foreclosure proceedings on their homes. As you may know, Brooklyn has seen an incredibly high rate of home foreclosures over the past several years, and Brooklyn A has done a wonderful job of providing much-needed legal advice and services to this community during this period of economic difficulties.

In this internship, I assisted attorneys in preparing answers and discovery documents for *pro se* defendants in foreclosure lawsuits. I met with clients on a regular basis to review their mortgage transactions and to discuss the strategy for defending the foreclosure suits. We frequently were successful in obtaining a modification of the mortgage to a more reasonable interest rate in order to allow our client to afford his/her mortgage payments.

I found my experience at Brooklyn A to be incredibly rewarding and a very valuable learning experience. I would like to thank Equal Justice America for making this and so many other extraordinary internships possible.

Sincerely yours,

Taylor Kirklin  
Columbia University, May 2011