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November 24, 2013

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

Re: Tasha Kates

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to thank you for funding Tasha Kates of Northeastern Law School for a fall co-op in the CORI & Re-entry Project at Greater Boston Legal Services. Criminal records and past incarceration often trap clients in a cycle of poverty, unemployment and hopelessness. We were able assist many more clients in sealing their records and transitioning into the workforce and their communities with Tasha's help. The EJA funding made a big difference in people's lives.

I have attached Tasha's evaluation. Please feel free to call me directly if you have any questions at 617-603-1554.

Sincerely,


Pauline Quirion

EVALUATION OF TASHA KATES

Tasha Kates worked as a law student intern in the CORI & Re-entry Project at Greater Boston Legal Services, 197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114. She worked from August 19, 2013 to November 8, 2013.

Internship description.

The mission of the CORI & Re-Entry Project is to assist individuals from communities of color, particularly in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan, in overcoming barriers to employment and other opportunities caused by their Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) histories.

Supervisors: Pauline Quirion, Susan Malouin, Ventura Dennis.

Tasks.

Tasha completed many intake questionnaires with clients on the phone or in person at our monthly intake CORI table at the Roxbury division of the Boston Municipal Court. Tasha also did legal research on various issues related to our clients' cases, including some appeals. She drafted legal documents, affidavits and memoranda of law. She assisted us in court and represented several clients in the courtroom in criminal record sealing cases.

Professional, Performance and Related Issues.

Tasha is smart, mature and highly professional. She has friendly demeanor and has good interpersonal skills which translate well in a public interest setting. She was able to work well with all types of people and has empathy for others. She also is skilled in legal research.

Tasha had the opportunity to represent clients in the courtroom as a student attorney and she made tremendous strides in the level of her advocacy during her coop with us.

Tasha is very committed to public interest law. We enjoyed working with her and would recommend her as a candidate for employment.

If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Quirion by email at pquirion@gbls.org or directly by telephone at 617-603-1544 (direct line).