

## ADRIENNE DARROW BOYD

September 1, 2014

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for providing me with the financial assistance that allowed me to work at the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers' Guild (NIPNLG) this summer. It was an incredibly rewarding experience, and confirmed my desire to pursue a career defending immigrants' legal rights. Throughout the summer, I was able to provide meaningful service to clients while sharpening my legal skills and expanding my understanding of the U.S. immigration system. I was given the opportunity to draft and finalize a variety of briefs, affirmative motions, and FOIA litigation documents, all in the interest of ensuring my clients found justice. None of that would have been possible without the generous grant from Equal Justice America.

As the only legal intern working at NIPNLG this summer, I was involved in a variety of cases. One of the most rewarding cases I worked on was a motion filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals to reopen a client's asylum case. I completed all of the legal research and drafted both the motion and the reply to the government's opposition brief. It was rewarding to identify case law that could help my client, and craft his narrative to convince the Board to reconsider his claim. For this client, any many others like him, the outcome of the case could be a matter of life or death. I felt the weight and importance of my work each day at the office, and it motivated me to do the best job I could for my clients.

Immigration law can be a frustrating field to work in, filled with government bureaucracy, confusing statutory language, and clients facing dire situations. But I found my work at NIP to be incredibly fulfilling. The organization is dedicated to expanding and enforcing the civil liberties and civil rights of non-citizens and to combating public and private discrimination against immigrants. They have been at the forefront of many major legal struggles on behalf of immigrants' rights. I was constantly inspired by my colleagues and supervisors and felt like my contribution mattered to them and to their clients. Without Equal Justice America, I would never have been a part of such an amazing process. For that opportunity, I am incredibly grateful.

Sincerely,

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Evaluation for Adrienne Darrow Boyd  
Equal Justice America, 2014 Summer Intern

Dear Mr. Ruben,

I write to provide an evaluation of Adrienne Darrow Boyd. I supervised Adrienne this summer from mid-May 2014 to early August 2014 during her legal internship with our organization. The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild is a non-profit membership organization of immigration attorneys, legal workers, grassroots advocates, and others working to defend immigrant rights. In addition to providing technical assistance to members of the bar and the bench, we engage in impact litigation, and also frequently appear as amicus curiae, at all federal court levels.

As a legal intern, Adrienne primarily was responsible for various research and writing assignments and responding to letters from detained noncitizens asking for legal resources. Some of Adrienne's assignments included drafting requests and administrative appeals under the Freedom of Information Act, researching and drafting a brief and a motion to reopen for filing with the Board of Immigration Appeals, and researching legal issues and compiling exhibits in conjunction with a partial summary judgment motion in U.S. District Court. In addition, Adrienne worked with our programmatic staff to meet and discuss the issues and responses to detainee letters, which she then researched and drafted.

Adrienne exhibited strong research and writing skills and was quick to spot potential issues. She worked well independently, but did not hesitate to timely ask questions to focus her research. It is because of these attributes that she was to accomplish so much during her time as an intern. Adrienne is extremely personable and well-liked by all our staff.

Should you have any questions regarding Adrienne's internship, please feel free to contact me at 617.227.9727 ext. 8 or via email to [trina@nipnl.org](mailto:trina@nipnl.org).

Kind regards,

*s/Trina Realmuto*

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