

August 30, 2016

Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer, I had the amazing experience of working as a law clerk at Texas Civil Rights Project (“TCRP”) in Austin, Texas. While working at TCRP, I gained invaluable legal experience in impact litigation and was able to build upon my legal research and writing skills by drafting summary depositions, preparing complaints, briefing dispositive motions, crafting strategic advocacy plans, investigating potential cases, and assisting with discovery. I was even fortunate enough to observe work on a TCRP disability rights case that was recently granted cert by the United States Supreme Court.

Although expanding upon my legal experience and skill set was wonderful, my favorite part of my time spent at TCRP was interacting with the clients and potential clients, hearing their stories, and being able to make a positive impact on their life through zealous legal advocacy.

One case I particularly enjoyed working on was a disability rights case in which our client was suing a tour bus company in Austin, claiming that the company was not ADA accessible. Even though I did not have direct contact with this client, I felt that I was able to make an impact by researching and writing memos on various issues in their case. In another case, I was able to help a client that was discriminated against by a local police department. I helped by conducting legal research and writing memorandums on various issues in the case.

Being able to do impact litigation this summer meant a lot to me because I know that my work was able to not only help our client, but a much broader range of people facing similar issues. I would like to thank Equal Justice America for helping fund my amazing summer and making it possible for me to help make a positive impact in the legal system.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I supervised Kelsey Craig this summer at Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) in Austin, Texas. TCRP is a nonprofit legal services organization that focuses on impact litigation in the areas of voting rights, institutional discrimination, and criminal justice reform.

From her first day at TCRP, Kelsey brought a positive attitude and willingness to jump into assignments. Kelsey was respectful, conscientious, hardworking, and showed a serious commitment to social justice. She demonstrated her excellent legal research and writing skills by drafting legal memoranda and deposition summaries, and conducting research for ongoing investigations.

One of Kelsey's large projects was managing a statewide investigation of various Texas county polling locations to determine if they were accessible for people with disabilities. She sent out Texas Public Information Act requests, followed up with clarification letters as needed, and reviewed all ADA complaints and ADA-related training material produced by the counties. Our attorneys were impressed by her ability to stay on top of a project with so many moving parts.

In addition to her fantastic legal work, Kelsey was a wonderful person to have on our team. She was personable and professional in her interactions with both attorneys and clients. Her exceptional communication skills made her particularly adept at conducting intake with potential clients, assessing cases for potential claims, and presenting her findings to attorneys at weekly meetings.

Kelsey was a truly outstanding law clerk. Her passion for civil rights combined with her strong work ethic allowed her to have an extremely productive summer. I would like to thank Equal Justice America for providing the funding that made it all possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Frank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Abby Frank
Senior Attorney