

August 21, 2014

VIA E-Mail

Katie Toman

Office Manager

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Re: Dina Kopansky – Summer 2014 Equal Justice Fellow

Dear Ms. Toman:

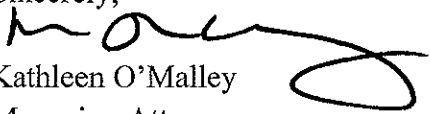
Thank you so much for awarding a Summer 2014 Fellowship to Dina Kopansky. I had the pleasure of supervising Ms. Kopansky this summer over the course of her internship here at the Women Against Abuse Legal Center. It is through our interactions over the course of this summer that I have come to know her as a highly motivated, intelligent, caring and personable individual.

I was responsible for training and supervising Ms. Kopansky over the course of this summer. Ms. Kopansky reported to me and five other attorneys. She was responsible for conducting client intake interviews, presenting client cases to the attorneys, conducting legal research, preparing cases for trial and drafting and filing various petitions and motions. Ms. Kopansky was also stationed in court two days a week where she spoke with petitioners who had hearings before a judge that day to obtain a final Protection from Abuse Order. She would inform them of their rights, let them know their options, prepare them for what to expect inside the courtroom as well as make referrals back to our office for attorney representation and to other social service agencies. I have thus been able to evaluate Ms. Kopansky's oral and written communication skills as well as her ability to critically analyze family law matters. She was always well prepared, tactful and articulate. Ms. Kopansky was an active participant in our office, contributing in positive ways and pitching in wherever and whenever she was needed. Ms. Kopansky was a pleasure to work with over the summer and she has already been greatly missed around our office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional insights regarding Ms. Kopansky by calling (215) 686-7082 or emailing me at komalley@womenagainstabuse.org. Thank you again for awarding Ms. Kopansky a fellowship so that she could work with our organization this summer.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Malley
Managing Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K O'Malley', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.