

October 22, 2015

Dear Mr Dan Ruben

### **Summer Fellowship Experience**

I am writing this letter to share my summer internship experience in Ayuda.

June 1, 2015 I have started my internship in Ayuda in Domestic Violence/ Family Law Unit. The first couple of days were training on the general activity of the organization and what services they provide. The training also includes the DC family law and domestic violence rules and internal work rules of the organization. It was very interesting as it helped me better understand the working environment and their area of work.

After I completed the training, I was assigned to work with the staff attorneys at the domestic violence/ family law unit. Working with the staff attorneys on different cases helped me to develop my legal writing and research skills especially on preparing court briefs, petitions, motions, and letter and discovery requests for CPO, child custody, child support and divorce cases. In addition I was also assigned to assist in different research projects.

I also prepared the Ethiopian Community Cultural Competency training material and delivered the training for all Ayuda DC and Virginia office employees on July 10<sup>th</sup>. This helps Ayuda's staff attorneys better serve Ethiopian survivors of domestic violence. I was very excited about the training and worked hard to produce a training material that outlives the training.

Besides, I also worked as an Amharic language interpreter for Amharic speaking clients for screening, intake and attorney-client supervision. Working as an intern in Ayuda also helps me to often go to Superior Court of the District of Columbia Family Court in order to file

petitions and motions for CPO and family cases and accompany clients for their hearing. This gives me the opportunity to better understand how the U.S. justice system works on family and domestic violence cases.

I have worked with more than 13 clients who are immigrant women victims of intimate abuse. I assisted the clients on their civil protection order, divorce, child custody and child support and immigration cases. The services I provided include but not limited to filing petitions and motions for CPO, family cases and immigration cases and accompany clients to court for their hearing. Working with all my clients and help them get protection was a great success to me. Interning in Ayuda this summer gave me the opportunity to serve vulnerable, low-income immigrants who seek to better their lives. And that was the biggest achievement in my career.

All the staffs at Ayuda were very positive and willing to assist with everything. It is a very professional work environment and the attorneys at the Domestic Violence/ Family Law Unit gave me very positive and helpful feedbacks on my work.

My weekly supervision meeting with the supervising attorney allows me to ask detailed questions and I was also able to get a great supervision and training on the cases that I have worked.

The experience I got from my internship in Ayuda surpassed my expectations. It also gave me a great experience and exposure that will allow me to pursue my career in public interest law and in the protection and promotion of women right.

I would like to thank Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship Program for generous fund that helped me be able to do my internship in Ayuda.

Best Regards,

Yamrot Henok Moges  
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October 21, 2015

Re: Yamrot Moges' Evaluation

Dear Mr. Dan Ruben:

I am writing to provide an evaluation of Ms. Yamrot Moges' performance as a Domestic Violence and Family Law Legal Intern at Ayuda. Since June 2015, Ms. Moges has served as a legal intern with Ayuda's Domestic Violence and Family Law team in Washington, D.C. As a legal intern, Ms. Moges is tasked with preparing litigation materials for trial, writing motions, and assisting with a variety of other legal assignments. Additionally, Ms. Moges serves as an interpreter for Amharic speaking clients. Ms. Moges performs all of these tasks in an efficient matter and produces quality work.

In addition to meeting the basic requirements of her internship, Ms. Moges went above and beyond to make lasting contributions to Ayuda. Ms. Moges has been fundamental in assisting Ayuda's staff attorneys better serve Ethiopian survivors of domestic violence. As Ms. Moges was a practicing attorney for victims of gender-based violence within the Ethiopian federal court system, she came to Ayuda with a deep understanding of the issues that domestic violence survivors face. Ms. Moges provided two trainings for our staff on cultural competency and best practices for serving Ethiopian clients. Her insights have been critical in improving the quality of Ayuda's services to the Ethiopian community.

As a graduate of Georgetown University's LLM Program, with a concentration in International Women's Human Rights, Ms. Moges possesses an excellent legal and academic framework from which she approaches her work at Ayuda. Though Ms. Moges had never worked within the United States court system before coming to Ayuda, she quickly familiarized herself with the different aspects of Domestic Violence, Immigration and Family Law. Ms. Moges' ability to overcome a very steep learning curve in a short amount of time is a testament to her intelligence and hardworking nature.

In addition to her efficient workstyle, and overall competency, Ms. Moges' warm and professional demeanor makes her a joy to have in the office. Clients felt very comfortable interacting with Ms. Moges and staff members were impressed by her willingness to assist other departments. It is a pleasure to work with Ms. Moges.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached by telephone at (202) 243-7310 or by email at [aida@ayuda.com](mailto:aida@ayuda.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aida Vindell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aida" being more prominent than the last name "Vindell".

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