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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Thanks to the help from the Equal Justice America Fellowship, I was able to spend my 2014 summer interning at the Chicago Legal Clinic's Pilsen Office. This not-for profit organization provides low cost, family based, immigration legal services, in English and Spanish to the underserved and disadvantaged in the Chicago area.

I learned a lot about different aspects of the immigration field and was able to assist my supervising attorney with cases pertaining to deportation proceedings, fiancée visas, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, becoming a permanent resident, naturalization, and misrepresentation defense. I helped by being a translator, researching and writing inter office memos, aiding in client intake, prepping clients for interviews with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and preparing drafts and pleadings.

One of the most rewarding experiences from the summer was when I was able to translate for a couple during their interview with USCIS. The purpose of the interview was to establish that the marriage was a good faith and bona fide relationship; proving this would allow the wife to obtain permanent residency and to later be eligible for citizenship. Prior to this interview we had compiled all the information needed to show that this couple was very much in love and that she deserved to remain in the United States in order to keep her family intact. The interviewer asked questions about how they met, their

wedding, and about their son. It all went smoothly, but it was not until a couple weeks later when we received the letter confirming that her permanent residency request was approved that we were able to rejoice. Calling the family and informing them that her Green card was being mailed was a very joyous event. The clients were very grateful and were happy that they would be able to remain together in the US and enjoy the American dream.

My time with the Chicago Legal Clinic has been incredibly rewarding and as a result, I have decided to remain with the Clinic for the Fall 2014 semester. Helping the underserved and disadvantaged resolve their immigration issues is wonderfully fulfilling and has made me realize that becoming an immigration attorney is what I am meant to be. Thank you again Equal Justice America, without the Fellowship I would not have been able to work full time and get the most out of this internship.

Best,

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RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR GIULIANA MARTINEZ

Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am an immigration attorney at the Chicago Legal Clinic and I was Giuliana Martinez' direct supervisor. She worked for us from May 27th to July 30, 2014. She was a truly outstanding intern and I am very grateful that Giuliana Martinez was able to assist me this summer.

Guiliana is a compassionate and effective advocate for people who have immigration related problems. She has excellent legal analysis and researching skills, is a good writer, and is hard working and enthusiastic. Many of our clients are Hispanic so her ability to speak Spanish also helped her develop good relationships with our clients.

She worked on a wide range of cases, some of which had rather complex issues. She handled various aspects of consular processing, adjustment, naturalization, filing of FOIAs with different agencies, and preparing deportation defense cases. She also worked on initial and renewal applications for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

In the naturalization context, she researched how to obtain voter registration records from the Secretary of State and the Board of Elections. She wrote a memo on the disqualifying effects of voter registration. She also did research on the various ways in which a person can misrepresent themselves to be a U.S. Citizen and the consequences. She also helped to prepare naturalization applicants for their interviews.

She prepared the consular processing documents for a U.S. citizen who is seeking to bring his Libyan fiancé to the United States. In addition to preparing the usual documentation, she had the initiative to call the Moroccan consulate, which will be handling the case, to find out how to prepare an obscure document called a "Singlehood Certificate" for a Libyan applicant. She also helped to prepare the documentation for a U.S. citizen husband who is seeking to bring his spouse from Mauritania. This also involved analyzing the requirements for a waiver for a misrepresentation by his wife. She followed up on a number of other consular processing cases to obtain missing information.

Giuliana also prepared excellent memoranda on challenging adjustment issues such as proving entry with inspection for a person who entered the U.S. with a Special Agricultural Worker Temporary Resident Card. In addition, she researched how to prove entries on a border crossing card and made extraordinary efforts to find documentation to help a border crossing card applicant prove that she entered with inspection. She also analyzed the effects of various bars created by entries without inspection. In a related context, she researched how to make a late amnesty filing.

She was also very helpful in contacting clients to follow up on gathering documents needed for the defense of their deportation cases. She prepared drafts of pleadings in these cases and researched various issues.

I have no doubt that she will become an excellent immigration attorney and our office is appreciative of her stellar work. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 312-226-2669 or email me at iwinston@clclaw.org.

Sincerely,

Ina Winston