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Dan Ruben

Founder/Executive Director

Equal Justice America

Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer Jordan Hall joined us as a legal intern. The Chicago Lawyers' Committee is comprised of civil rights lawyers and advocates working to secure racial equity and economic opportunity for all. We provide legal representation through partnerships with the private bar, and we collaborate with grassroots organizations and other advocacy groups to implement community-based solutions that advance civil rights. He was a great addition to our program. As his supervisor, I checked in with him officially twice throughout the summer on his progress and to evaluate his work. Jordan completed a lot of work for our Education Equity Project this summer, including research and writing and community outreach.

During the summer when students are not in school we have less school discipline cases and therefore less instances of client interviewing, etc. But we do take the time to analyze school discipline data and use it to inform targeted outreach. Jordan analyzed data obtained by Freedom of Information Act requests for several districts. He also updated a Know Your Rights handout for students and parents around the changes to school discipline law in Illinois. Because many students and parents may be unaware of the legal changes, this was crucial information for them to have when advocating for their children. Jordan is particularly interested in policies and legal obstacles that affect young people of color and he engaged in some racial impact policy analysis this summer.

Jordan also participated in community events and outreach. He presented with me at a Know Your Rights workshop for high school students with an organization called Teamwork Englewood. The presentation covered rights in police encounters as well as schools. Jordan did a good job connecting with the students and trying to explain things to them in a way they would understand. He was also able to use several examples to illustrate points. Jordan also attended two community meetings that were held by Chicago Public schools about a proposed school action and conversion of an elementary school into a high school.



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Jordan brings a real passion to the work and working with underserved communities. He is personable and fit well into our office culture. Skills we talked about improving are writing and confidence in both oral and written communication. He did demonstrate good communication skills with us when a few things needed to be adjusted. He was very receptive to constructive feedback and continues to seek out opportunities to improve.

Thank you for your support of Jordan Hall's internship. We look forward to his continued participation in the future.

Best,

/s/ Jessica Schneider

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